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## Pink slips heading downrange?

After 2 rounds of cuts this year, Army chief says more troops in Afghanistan may receive notices

By JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — More soldiers could learn while in Afghanistan that they are being forced out of the military, the Army's top officer said Friday.

Army chief of staff Gen. Ray Odierno discussed the cuts with reporters Friday at a breakfast in Washington.

The notifications, part of an effort to rapidly shrink the size of the ground forces, have drawn heavy criticism from lawmakers. In June, more than 1,100 Army captains were notified that their military careers would soon end. It was later revealed that 48 were serving in Afghanistan when they were informed that they were getting the ax.

"The men and women de-

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ployed overseas have left their homes and families to fight for our country," Rep. Tom Cotton, R-Ariz., said in a written statement in July. "It's deplorable the Obama administration would treat them this way."

More separation notifications went out to 550 Army majors last month, and early retirement boards for lieutenant colonels and colonels are scheduled next year.

"There may be officers deployed to Afghanistan that get notified," according to an Army spokeswoman.

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New bulldog  
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Smedley Butler, a 6-month-old English bulldog, stands in formation with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion during the Eagle, Globe and Anchor ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif. His duty will be as the Marine Corps Recruit Depot's mascot in San Diego.

## GAO: VA underestimated demand for caregiver program

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
*Stars and Stripes*

The Department of Veterans Affairs significantly underestimated demand for a caregiver program for Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans, overtaxing already stretched resources and limiting services to veterans and their loved ones, an independent federal watchdog has found.

As a result, some VA medical centers have had difficulty managing the workload, and caregivers have experienced long delays in getting their applications approved and receiving program benefits, according to a Government Accountability Office report published Thursday.

The Family Caregiver Program was established in May 2011 after Congress passed legislation requiring the VA to set up a program to help families with the rigors of caring for veterans.

Congress approved \$1.5 billion through 2015 for the program. To be eligible, veterans must have suffered a serious injury in the line of duty after Sept. 11, 2001.

Services include a monthly stipend, training and counseling, and medical assessments and home visits by VA doctors and nurses. About 80 percent of caregivers in the program are spouses. Most are assisting veterans with mental health diagnoses or brain injuries, some with accompanying physical disabilities.

The VA's initial estimate that about 4,000 caregivers would be approved for the program by the end of fiscal 2014 was way off the mark. By May 2014, almost 30,400 caregivers had applied and about 15,600 had been approved as caregivers, according to the GAO report.

In the face of such high demand, the VA's staffing for the program is inadequate, the report says. Staff at many of the VA medical centers told government investigators that "delays exist at some or every step of the application process," including "determining caregiver eligibility, administering medical assessments and conducting initial home visits," the report says.

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## QUOTE

OF THE DAY

**"So the situation in Ukraine is not good right now. Basically we have a cease-fire in name only."**

— U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe

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## MILITARY

### Cuts: Odierno blames lawmakers for losses

Service officials said the moves are unfortunate but necessary as the service is forced to shrink due to budget constraints.

"Unfortunately, some people now are being let go that have done a very good job ... But with the downsizing, we no longer can keep them," Odierno said.

Odierno noted that the Army is expected to have soldiers in Afghanistan for another two years, and some of them could get the boot.

Active-duty Army end strength is slated to drop from 510,000 troops this year to 490,000 in 2015. Defense officials expect it to go down to about 450,000 by 2019. If lawmakers don't put an end to budget cutbacks known as sequestration, which are scheduled

to go back into effect in 2016, the force level could fall to 420,000.

He suggested that it's better to notify soldiers as soon as possible, even if it means doing so while they're in a war zone. "I don't want ... them to find out from somebody else," he said.

Under the current system, a general officer in the soldier's chain of command gives the selected servicemember the news and discusses their options.

According to Army officials, deployed troops who receive separation notices return home as quickly as possible. For staff officers, that can happen within days, while company commanders and others who wield more authority may need up to 30 days to wrap up their assignments.

Notified servicemembers have nine months to transition out of the active-duty Army. Many will have the opportunity to continue serving in the Reserve.

Odierno blamed lawmakers for soldiers losing their jobs. He told reporters that he recently received about 40 letters from members of Congress asking him not to cut soldiers from bases in their districts.

"I wrote back and said the reason I'm taking soldiers out of your installations and out of your state is because of sequestration, not that I want to do it," he said.

Odierno told reporters that he has "grave concern" about the shrinking size of the Army, and he is reassessing the risks of additional force level cuts in light of



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**Gen. Raymond Odierno, the U.S. Army chief of staff, speaks in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 2013.**

crises on multiple continents.

The review will be completed in time to possibly influence the Pentagon's fiscal 2016 budget request, he said.

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### Caregiver: GAO finds some coordinators don't return calls

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Families assigned to case coordinators range from six to 251 per caseworker, according to the report.

Some families have had to wait more than 90 days to find out whether their applications were approved; VA guidelines call for no more than 45 days. At one VA medical center, follow-up home visits were occurring every six to nine months instead of every 90 days, which is the established standard.

Some caregiver coordinators don't return phone calls, GAO investigators were told. "One caregiver recounted that when she

became desperate to learn how to manage a veteran with increasingly severe symptoms" from a traumatic brain injury, a caregiver coordinator told her that hers was one of many requests and that "the program could not provide counseling for caregivers," the report says.

Officials at VA hospitals and medical centers say getting VA physicians and nurses to conduct medical assessments and home visits can be challenging because their workloads are heavy and some hospital directors don't consider the caregiver program a high priority.

The VA, in comments posted

to the report, says it "generally agrees" with the GAO's conclusions and says it is working on solutions.

The VA made efforts to improve staffing levels for the program. Some VA medical centers began offering nurses overtime pay to conduct home visits, while others have hired contractors. In August 2012, the VA began allowing medical centers to conduct home visits by telephone after one year of satisfactory home visits in cases without serious medical risk.

But the GAO says while these steps have benefited the program in some locations, more will have to be done to keep up with the

program's steady growth of about 500 approved caregivers per month.

One of the first orders of business is overhauling the program's inadequate computer system, the GAO says. The system limits officials' abilities to easily retrieve data and to assess current workloads across all VA medical centers.

"If the program's workload problems are not addressed, the quality and scope of caregivers services, and ultimately the services that veterans receive, will continue to be compromised," GAO investigators concluded.

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### Afghanistan court sentences 5 to death for gang rape

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KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan appeals court on Monday sentenced five men to death for armed robbery and sexual assault for an attack on an Afghan family driving home from a wedding just outside Kabul.

The panel of three judges, led by Judge Sediqullah Haqiqi, also invalidated the death sentences given to two other defendants, whose sentences were reduced to

20 years in prison for unrelated crimes. A lower court earlier this month sentenced the seven men to death.

Prosecutors said that a group of eight men, some dressed in police uniforms, stopped the family's car last month and raped the four women in the group — one of whom was pregnant — in an area close to the capital known as Paghman. The family members — women, men and children — were beaten and their valuables were stolen by the attackers.

Three of the eight suspects in the attack remain at large.

The case prompted street demonstrations in support of the victims, and President Hamid Karzai called for the men's execution. The original trial lasted only two hours before convictions were announced. Human Rights Watch said the political interference and swift convictions violated the defendants' rights to due process.

"The police and court have responded to a horrific crime with a

botched trial that makes a mockery of justice for both victims and defendants," Phelim Kine, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement earlier this month. "This case sadly demonstrates that the Afghan justice system, despite more than a decade of promised reform, still has a long way to go before genuine justice is handed down."

Haqiqi, the appeals court judge, said he expects the case to be appealed to Afghanistan's Supreme Court.

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## MILITARY

# Afghan vote results to be announced Sunday

By SLOBODAN LEKIC

Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's electoral commission on Sunday will announce the long-delayed results of the country's presidential election, as the two rival candidates appeared on the verge of concluding a power-sharing agreement, according to a commission spokesman.

The agreement on a government of national unity likely will pave the way for a contingent of U.S. and NATO troops to remain in the country after the end of

this year.

Noor Mohammed Noor, spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission, said Saturday that the final results were based on a "100 percent audit of all the ballots cast" in the second round of the presidential election, held in June.

After the initial count, former finance minister Ashraf Ghani emerged as the winner, but his rival, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah — who led after the first round of elections in April — claimed widespread

fraud.

Both campaigns have stressed they would abide by the results of a U.N.-supervised recount of all 8 million votes cast.

That recount was completed last week, but results have not been released in anticipation of the announcement of a government of national unity between Ghani and Abdullah. The two campaigns have been wrangling for weeks over a U.S. proposal to create a new executive director for the cabinet, and the authority the post would have. Abdullah,

as the losing candidate, would presumably take over the post or appoint an aide to fill it when the new cabinet is formed.

Officials from both camps have said the accord would be signed at a public ceremony attended by outgoing President Hamid Karzai.

The U.S. and NATO are anxious for a president to be named, as the clock is ticking on the deadline for all foreign combat troops to withdraw by the end of the year.

The terms for a follow-on mission of nearly 10,000 U.S. forces

acting mostly as advisers and trainers are laid out in a bilateral security agreement drafted early this year. But Karzai refused to sign it. Both candidates have said they would, but until they do, a similar NATO agreement is also on hold.

U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham, along with other NATO diplomats and U.N. special envoy Jan Kubis, have attended the talks in an effort to help reach agreement on the joint government.

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## Prisoner releases questioned amid violent fighting season

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Depending on whom you believe, Qari Halem was arrested while returning from Pakistan after a doctor's visit or while carrying orders to commit attacks against police in northern Afghanistan.

Now jailed in Kunduz, the midlevel Taliban commander is part of a debate over detainee releases in Afghanistan and their role in the fighting in the country. A government peace council is urging Halem's release, but Kunduz police have vowed to keep him in custody.

They say former detainees are behind much of the violence flaring in Kunduz province, including a recent commander released by local officials and a former shadow governor for the province freed last year.

"The release of these men is a big problem for us because all are involved in attacks and have been caught with great sacrifice," said Sayed Sarwar Hussaini, a spokesman for the Kunduz police.

Their claims echo growing complaints from security officials across the country. They come as Afghan forces are being challenged by strong militant offensives in several provinces while receiving less support from the NATO-led military coalition.

Much of the criticism has been aimed at President Hamid Karzai, whose government has pushed for releases of former Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan as a step toward reconciliation. Another aspect of the problem is hardly new — the corruption of the judicial system across Afghanistan.

"There are ways to release people if you've got money or influence. That's always been the case," said Kate Clark, a researcher with Afghanistan Analysts Network. "I think what's different this year is Afghans are also in charge of fighting the insurgency. When the international forces were in charge of the fighting, no one was too much concerned, but now it's become much more urgent, much more important."

Others say the prominence of the issue is merely an effort by police forces to deflect blame from their own failures.

"They're trying to distract from the fact they can't secure the province," said Asadullah Omorkhail, the Kunduz representative of the High Peace Council, who was working with Halem.

In July, the Kabul police chief blamed a series of attacks in the city on detainees released from Parwan Detention Center at Bagram Air Field. In the same month, the slaying of 15 travelers in Ghor province,



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**A prisoner is led away after being released March 25, 2013, as part of a ceremony to mark the handover of Parwan Prison from U.S. to Afghan control. Delays in the handover raised tensions between Washington and Kabul.**

a traditionally quiet region of central Afghanistan, was pinned on former Taliban detainees in the province who had been freed several months earlier.

Those claims have put pressure on Karzai, whose most controversial releases included the 65 high-level detainees released from Parwan earlier this year. Karzai contended prisoners at Parwan were being radicalized through mistreatment, calling the prison a "Taliban-producing factory" while it was under U.S. control.

The U.S. strongly opposed the releases, claiming the men had committed serious attacks and were a danger to return to the fighting. Yet the move was widely supported by Afghan media at the time with often sympathetic portrayals of the detainees.

"When they were released, they were released in a sort of nationalistic gesture," Clark said. "They were poor Afghans, often described as innocent."

Karzai, now at the end of his term as president, faces more open criticism on the issue. His defense minister, Bismillah Khan Mohammadi, told parliament in June that as many as 80 percent of those set free returned to the fighting. In July, his ardently anti-Taliban first vice president, Mohammad Younus Qanooni, claimed that those former prisoners "have carried out more crimes than before."

Meanwhile, Afghan military officials and analysts cited in local independent

news reports have also linked government-ordered releases to the uptick in fighting.

A spokeswoman for Karzai called such claims "baseless" and blamed them on foreigners who want to continue detaining Afghans.

"This foreign designed narrative is purposely given to some local Afghan officials in different parts of the country, and later being aired by media outlets," the spokeswoman, Adela Raz, wrote in an email. "We strongly reject such irresponsible remarks by some Afghan officials."

Independently verifying the connections between former detainees at Parwan and current violence is difficult, however. The names of those released were not made public, and neither the Afghan Ministry of Defense nor the U.S. Department of Defense have spoken about the issue.

"We do not have statistics that reflect recidivism rates for the transferred Afghan detainees. The few former detainees who choose to return to the fight do so at their own potential peril," said Lt. Col. Myles B. Caggins III, a Defense Department spokesman for detainee policy.

The issue is complicated by a judicial system rife with corruption — bribes and influence play a regular role in case outcomes. According to a 2010 United Nations report, prosecutors and judges were the most commonly bribed government officials in Afghanistan, more than customs

officials and municipal authorities. Police were fourth on the list.

As a result, legitimate suspects with connections often win early release while the innocent who lack resources languish, Clark said.

"If you've got money, if you've got influence, whether or not you're innocent, you can usually find your way out," she said.

Police in Ghor say a local parliament member intervened on behalf of the suspects in the killings there, allowing for their release. Kunduz police said two Taliban commanders now leading the fighting there were freed recently by the local judiciary for unknown reasons.

One, Qari Bilal, was arrested by ISAF in 2011. Hussaini, the Kunduz police spokesman, said he was released after being handed over to local officials, then was arrested and set free again. The other, former Taliban shadow governor Maulawi Abdul Salam, also was released last year for unknown reasons, Hussaini said. He claimed both men are now leading attacks against government forces in Kunduz.

Halem, now in Kunduz police custody, was arrested last month in Baghlan province on his way from Pakistan. In a letter sent to Kunduz police through the provincial governor's office, later posted to Facebook by the police, members of the High Peace Council in Kunduz said Halem had been in touch with them before his arrest.

The council, part of the Karzai government's effort to reintegrate Taliban members, regularly works with former and current high-level commanders and political members to guide their departure from the organization without going through the criminal justice system.

Omorkhail, the council's Kunduz representative, said the letter was merely a confirmation that Halem had expressed interest in the reconciliation process before his arrest. Omorkhail said he told Halem at the time that because preparations for the country's presidential runoff in July were draining many of the office's resources, Halem would need to wait until after the vote to formally begin the process, he said.

The Kunduz judiciary will decide whether Halem deserves to be released, he said.

Kunduz police said Halem leads 500 fighters and had staged recent attacks against Afghan police and soldiers. Omorkhail disputed that, saying Halem was a former Taliban education minister with little, if any, involvement in recent attacks.

"Qari Halem is not a very important figure of the Taliban," he said.

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## MILITARY

# MOH recipient, works to honor Gold Star families

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With Sunday's dedication of the Pennsylvania Gold Star Families Memorial in Valley Forge, Pa., a project that got its direction from a Medal of Honor recipient's chance meeting with a grieving father is taking a big step forward.

Marine Corps veteran Hershel "Woody" Williams — the last surviving recipient of the nation's highest military honor from the pivotal World War II battle of Iwo Jima — was giving speech to a veterans' group earlier this year.

His goal at the time was to find ways to honor Gold Star Mothers, those who lost children in combat.

But afterward, a man approached him. The man's wife had died before their son joined the military, and when the son was killed in Afghanistan, the father was left to grieve alone.

Tears were rolling down his cheeks," Williams recalled. "The only thing he said to me was, 'dads cry, too.'"

"At that point in time I got to thinking, why am I concentrating on just one person? I know mothers grieve, and probably

grieve greater than other people, because that's part of her that she lost. But I thought, I've got to change this goal. Let's go with families, rather than a single person."

The Pennsylvania memorial is the second one spearheaded by the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, following one dedicated last year in Dunbar, W. Va. The goal is to place at least one in every state, and several others are in the planning stages.

"Once we developed the (West Virginia memorial), and it was viewable by everybody, it turned out to be such an emotional type of reception that the thought came to my mind, we don't have anything in the country that actually pays tribute to the families who gave a loved one not only for our freedom, but for the freedom of others," Williams said. "And maybe that would serve, if we could get one in various communities — I certainly wasn't thinking of national — to honor the families in those communities."

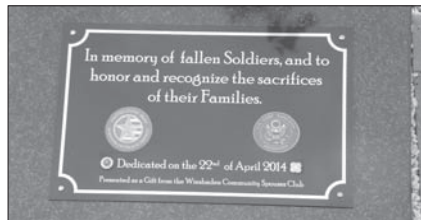
"I mentioned it to my grandson, and from there, the idea just kept gathering momentum. And it was his decision more than mine, but together we decided that we

would try to get one of these in every state, because every state has families that lost loved ones. And since we don't have a national monument of any kind, anywhere ... We've got 1,100 monuments or whatever in Washington, D.C., but not a one of those pays tribute to those who lost a loved one."

The grandson, Brent Casey, is a Gulf War veteran of the 82nd Airborne who serves as executive director of Williams' foundation. He believes his grandfather's wish to honor families goes way back.

"As an 18-year-old, he was a cab driver who delivered death notice telegrams from the War Department to the front door," Casey said. "He knocked on the door, and there were mom and dad and the two kids, and the grandparents lived there too, so he witnessed as an 18-year-old kid the impact this had on these families, and that they all grieved, they all cried, they all suffered. I think the seed was planted back then, as a boy driving a cab in rural West Virginia."

"Seems like no matter where he speaks, he says 'raise your hand' (if someone has had a relative killed in battle), and half the room raises their hands. Some of



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**A plaque outside the Wiesbaden Fitness Center recognizes fallen servicemembers and their families.**

them don't even realize they are a Gold Star family member. Because if their grandfather died in World War II, they're still a Gold Star grandchild, or if their father died in Korea, they're a gold star son or daughter. People know they've sacrificed, but they don't know the Gold Star Family term because they've never been recognized or honored for that sacrifice. That's what we're trying to do."

Casey said that his 90-year-old grandfather thrives on "staying busy. Keeping doing what's important to him. Just getting up every day, concentrating and working on projects like the foundation, or legislation relating to veterans in West Virginia or nationally, or speaking engagements, or writing speeches. He's constantly doing all the above. I'll talk to him in the morning and he'll say, 'Ah, I didn't sleep very good last night. My brain wouldn't quit.'

He has a hard time falling asleep at night because he's so eager, so anxious, 'gotta get up and start on that tomorrow. Gotta take care of that tomorrow.'"

Williams is eager to hear from people who might be interested in building memorials in their areas.

"Contact the foundation," he said. "We have a package that we put together with the permission of the architect and contractor that did ours. It has all the measurements, everything they would need to start with."

"Except the contractor and money," he added with a laugh. "That's their responsibility."

As for design, he stressed that the foundation has no set standards. "We're going to let that be up strictly to the people who are going to do it. It does not have to be exactly like ours."

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## Eisenhower Memorial panel grappling with two designs

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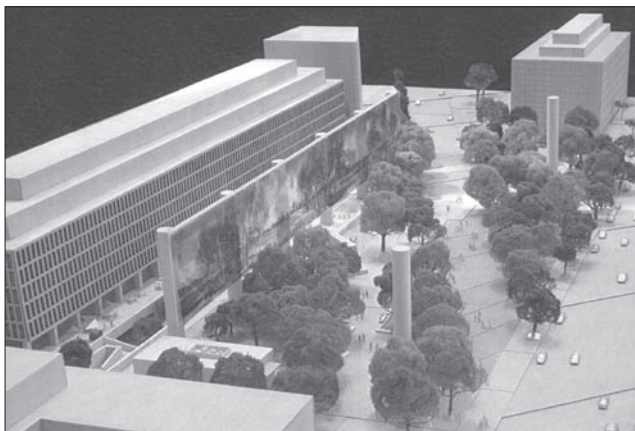
WASHINGTON — Plans for a memorial to honor President Dwight D. Eisenhower remained stalled Wednesday when there was no vote to decide between two versions of its famed architect's controversial design.

Only five members of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission were present at a meeting, forcing yet another delay in choosing a design for the memorial that was to have been completed by 2007.

The meeting was supposed to focus on a modification to the original design by architect Frank Gehry, which critics panned as too imposing and industrial and too focused on Eisenhower's childhood. The modified version kept the large, steel mesh tapestry suspended between massive, 80-foot columns envisioned by Gehry as depicting the rural landscape of Abilene, Kan., where Eisenhower grew up, but removed two side tapestries and two columns.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, requested that an additional, alternative design be presented at that commission's Oct. 2 meeting. Issa has proposed a further-stripped-down version without the remaining tapestry and columns.

Statuses of Eisenhower as the 34th president and World War II



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**An aerial perspective of a revised plan for Eisenhower Square looking along Maryland Ave. and Independence Ave. in Washington, D.C.**

general would remain at the center of the four-acre urban park, along with inscriptions from his speeches. The site would be within view of the Capitol, on Independence Avenue between the National Air and Space Mus-

seum and the Department of Education.

However, if that design were approved, Gehry would withdraw from the project, said Dan Feil, the Eisenhower project's executive architect. "There would not

be any architectural elements in this landscape concept. The memorial would alternatively be a landscape and sculptural composition," he said in a report to the Eisenhower commission Wednesday. "Therefore, Gehry Partners,

being an architectural firm, would respectfully withdraw as the memorial designer."

The first modified plan met with resistance from Eisenhower's granddaughters, who have been outspoken critics and have pushed for a simpler design or a complete redesign.

"As we see it, this design does not address the major problems identified by many stakeholders, including our family," Anne and Susan Eisenhower wrote in a letter to the commission this week. Susan Eisenhower was at the meeting Wednesday, but did not speak.

Starting over with a new design could take three years, Feil said.

The Eisenhower commission's members plan to vote in private on the two redesigns before the scheduled Oct. 2 NCPC meeting. Bruce Cole, an art scholar and the former and longest-serving chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Eisenhower commission's newest member, asked that the panel wait until Nov. 1 to decide on a way forward.

"My studies teach me that great memorials are an exclamation point, not a question mark," he said. "Let's just take a little bit more time, and get this right for Ike's sake."

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# MILITARY



## New dog in town at Camp Pendleton

Six-month old English bulldog Smedley Butler is now the official mascot of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, after a ceremony Sept. 11 at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Pfc. Butler, above, replaces Cpl. Belleau Wood, who retired this spring. He's one of three official Marine Corps mascots and is named after a highly decorated major general who commanded the depot.

Pfc. Butler was awarded the Eagle, Globe and Anchor pin, right, during the ceremony, the final act of becoming a Marine. His pin was tucked into the pocket of his camouflage uniform and he barked along as recruits sang the Marine Corps hymn.

PHOTOS BY HOWARD LIPIN, U-T SAN DIEGO/AP



## Pentagon seeks to bolster innovation

By AMRITA JAYAKUMAR  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Concerned that the United States is losing its technological edge as defense budgets shrink, the Pentagon is launching an initiative to encourage industry innovation.

The Defense Department plans to make greater use of prototypes in research-and-development efforts, develop technology incrementally and encourage companies to experiment more.

In addition, it plans to structure contracts in a way that creates incentives to reward companies that bring fresh approaches to meet program goals.

The nation's investment in new technology has slowed in recent years because of constraints put on government spending in the wake of the Great Recession. At the same time, foreign adversaries such as Russia and China are making impressive leaps in their technological capabilities, according to Pentagon officials.

The new program is a fresh iteration of the Defense Department's 4-year-old "better buying power" initiative, which focuses on reducing costs by increasing competition for defense programs.

Frank Kendall, the Pentagon's top acquisition official, outlined the major principles of Better Buying Power 3.0 — as the latest program is known — at a think-tank event Friday morning.

What sets 3.0 apart from previous versions is its emphasis on targeted research and development, greater use of commercial technology and more incentives for companies to innovate while keeping costs low, Kendall said.

Industry groups had mixed reactions to the new initiative.

The program outlines common concerns that government and contractors have, but it doesn't include any of the ideas to drive innovation or improve the skills of the workforce that companies have shared with the Pentagon, said Stan Soloway, president and chief executive of the Professional Services Council, which represents technology contractors.

"What's not in there is a really bold vision of how we're going to transform the system to address the department's needs," he said.

## Retired officer to plead guilty in Afghan contracts case

By GUILLERMO CONTRERAS  
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SAN ANTONIO — A retired Army lieutenant colonel from Cibola plans to plead guilty in San Antonio to taking more than \$250,000 from companies he intended to work for after his service at the much-maligned Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, a supply hub for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While he was not a contracting officer, Mark L. Moss, 48, oversaw cable, Internet and satellite services for the military in Kuwait for nearly five years and developed a cozy relationship with a pair of contractors there, Al-Pacific LTD Est. for Electronics and Makhiya Project Management, or MPM, federal court documents allege.

In order to not get indicted, he worked out a plea deal and plans to plead guilty Thursday to a charge of committing acts that benefitted his financial inter-

ests. He faces up to five years in prison.

"I want to be clear, this is not a bribery case," said Moss' lawyer, Adam Cortez, of San Antonio. "It was him taking money from companies he had an interest in. He was going to go work for them to get contracts from the government of Kuwait."

The documents said Moss accepted free services, dinners, gifts, an expensive Breitling watch, cash hand-delivered to his home or wired to his accounts in San Antonio and debit cards to use at ATMs abroad between November 2007 and June 2010.

"During this time, Al-Pacific had a double-digit-percentage growth in the value of the contracts it was awarded," Special Agent Carlos Markham, with the Defense Investigative Criminal Service, wrote in a federal affidavit. "The owner of Al-Pacific provided money and gratuities to Moss to ensure that Al-Pacific would not lose any portion of its

current contracts and would possibly gain more contracts with the U.S. military in Kuwait."

During the time in question, Al-Pacific's contracts went from \$1.9 million in fiscal 2007 to \$5 million in fiscal 2011, fedsending.org reports.

But Cortez likened Al-Pacific to the San Antonio Water System — the only game in town.

"The reason they made more money was because of the surge," Cortez said. "They needed more services."

The affidavit said Moss also received money and gratuities from MPM. During the period in question, Moss developed restrictive requirements, like a seven-day delivery period, that limited competition and led to initial selection of higher bidders like MPM, the affidavit states.

Moss told investigators he encouraged contracting officers assigned to his unit to favor Al-Pacific and MPM when selecting who to award contracts to.

Although Moss did not control the bids directly, he stated he was the commanding officer of the contracting officers and had direct contact with them, Markham wrote. "If Al-Pacific or MPM was not selected as the primary company for any particular contract, Moss would contact the winning company and as a lieutenant colonel in charge of contracting would encourage them to hire Al-Pacific and/or MPM as a sub-contractor."

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Some lawmakers wary of quick OK for military action

By PAUL KANE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Before the U.S. military attacked Saddam Hussein's forces in 1991, Congress spent months considering its approval of the war. Twelve years later, another attack on Iraq came after three weeks of debate and intensive negotiations.

But this week, the House and Senate each took only a few hours to sign off on President Barack Obama's plan to once again deploy the military in the Middle East, approving it as part of a broader budget bill before bounding out of town for a two-month recess and hitting the midterm campaign trail.

Some on Capitol Hill were stunned by the seeming congressional disinterest on a matter of such importance. Now, lawmakers in both parties are asking an uncomfortable question: Has Congress forfeited its rightful role in the most solemn of all national decisions?

Some in leadership have said a more expansive debate over U.S. actions against the Islamic State militant group might come after the Nov. 4 elections. Yet a few dozen lawmakers are starting to speak up, complaining that such vague promises are not enough and that Congress has a duty to set the parameters of the nation's new war posture.

The sentiment was expressed Friday in a stern letter from a dozen lawmakers — six Democrats and six Republicans — who wrote to House leaders in both parties. "The time has come to take up and debate an authorization regarding U.S. military operations in Iraq."

The letter said, "We believe such a debate and vote is required, will enhance our national security and the ability of Congress and the Executive to carryout U.S. foreign and defense policies abroad." Signatories included Reps. Tom Cole, R-Okla., and Jim McGovern, D-Mass., who are close to their party's respective leaders.

Many lawmakers believe such a brief debate on something that felt akin to approving a small war, and then leaving for nearly two months, sent a bad signal for an institution already held in low regard by the voting public. Others contend that Obama should start the process by formally sending a request to the Capitol, as did George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush in formally starting the earlier Iraq war debates.

"The way it should work is [White House officials] come up with a piece of legislation, they send it over, we work on it and amend it, then we reach agreement and then we pass it," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

The relative lack of debate this week belied the tensions simmering in both parties over the extent to which the United States should remain entangled in overseas conflicts.

Both chambers approved the measure with wide bipartisan majorities, but there were visible signs of discord. Eighty-five House Democrats — more than 40 percent of the caucus — bucked the president, demonstrating the anti-war left has a new rallying point. In the Senate, several rising stars who are considered potential presidential candidates — including Sens. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. — rejected the proposal.

The issue was left in a muddled state. Sens. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., and Bob Corker, R-Tenn., leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, are in the tentative stages of drafting a resolution that would broadly define the field of combat in Iraq and Syria. Many rank-and-file lawmakers believe that, with the initial request they approved this week technically expiring Dec. 11, a full-fledged debate is unavoidable during the lame-duck session.

Leaders in both parties, however, have provided little clarity on timing. And, although they don't acknowledge it publicly, neither party wants the full political debate to turn on military issues.



MANUEL BALCE CENTA/AP

Retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, former commander of U.S. Central Command, testifies Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the threat posed by Islamic extremists.



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From left, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, President Barack Obama and Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, Commander of U.S. Central Command, await the start of a briefing Wednesday at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

## Obama faces questions on prospect of expanded war

By JULIE PACE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's military campaign against Islamic State group extremists has already crept beyond the narrow parameters he first outlined three months ago.

But military experts both inside and outside the administration argue that even more may be needed for the mission to succeed, including embedding U.S. ground troops with Iraqi security forces who are on the front line of the fight against the violent militants. Taking that step could put Obama dangerously close to violating his pledges to keep Americans out of combat in Iraq.

For Obama, re-engaging in combat in Iraq would not only mark a reversal of his promises with regard to the current mission, but also would undercut one of the broader causes of his presidency, which has been to end lengthy American wars and to avoid new ones. But if his military commanders ask for ground troops and he rejects the request, he could be accused of putting his legacy ahead of the mission's success.

Already Obama has shown a willingness to expand the size and scope of the fight against the Islamic State extremist group. After first announcing a limited airstrike campaign, the U.S. is now going after militant targets across Iraq and is expected to extend the attacks into Syria. About 1,600 U.S. troops have also been deployed to Iraq to train local security forces and to help safeguard U.S. personnel in the country. And the Pentagon will soon start training and equipping Syrian rebels to fight the militants.

The president has insisted that Iraqi security forces, the Kurdish Peshmerga and the Syrian opposition fighters will be the ones engaged in a ground battle with the Islamic State group. But some of Obama's current and former military advisers have raised the prospect that unless American troops are also engaged in that effort, it will be difficult to degrade and defeat the militants that have moved freely across the blurred border between Iraq and Syria.

"They're not going to be able to be successful against ISIS strictly from the air, or strictly depending on the Iraqi forces or the Peshmerga," said Robert Gates, Obama's former defense secretary, using one of the acronyms for the Islamic State group. "So there will be boots on the ground if there's to be any hope of success in the strategy."

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress he indeed would recommend that step if Obama's strategy fails. Dempsey also said that about half of the Iraqi army is incapable of partnering effectively with the U.S. to roll back the Islamic State group, suggesting that the likelihood more Americans would be needed on the ground is high.

The president responded swiftly to Dempsey's comments by emphasizing his pledge to keep Americans out of combat missions.

"The American forces that have been deployed to Iraq do not and will not have a combat mission," Obama told troops at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. "As your commander in chief, I will not commit you and the rest of our armed forces to fighting

another ground war in Iraq."

But White House officials have left open the possibility that Obama could accept a recommendation to put ground troops in forward operating positions alongside Iraqi and Kurdish Peshmerga forces. While officials say those troops would not be sent with a specific combat mission, they would be armed, as are the 1,600 military personnel that have been deployed to Iraq this summer. And if they come under attack, the forces have the authority to fight back.

Richard Fontaine, president of the Center for New American Security, said that would leave Obama with "something of a rhetorical quandary."

"From a realistic and even legal standpoint, what's going to be happening in Iraq is going to look a lot like combat," said Fontaine, a former State Department official who also advised Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., on foreign policy.

While Obama has broad public support for carrying out airstrikes against the Islamic State group, it's unclear whether a war-weary public also would approve of an expanded ground mission. A recent CNN/ORC poll found that while 76 percent of Americans back strikes in Iraq and 75 percent back strikes in Syria, just 38 percent favor sending U.S. ground troops to those countries.

Should Obama have to take that step, the White House's goal would be to ensure that the ground forces were not solely American. Administration officials have been pressing other countries, particularly Iraq and Syria's Arab neighbors, to commit their own ground troops to help bolster local security forces.

## NATION

## Ig Nobel winner: Use pork to stop nosebleeds

By MARK PRATT  
The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — There's some truth to the effectiveness of folk remedies and old wives' tales when it comes to serious medical issues, according to findings by a team from Detroit Medical Center.

Dr. Sonal Saraiya and her colleagues in Michigan found that packing strips of cured pork into the nose of a child who suffers from uncontrollable, life-threatening nosebleeds can stop the hemorrhaging, a discovery that won them a 2014 Ig Nobel prize, the annual award for sometimes inane, yet often surprisingly practical, scientific discoveries.

This year's winners honored Thursday at Harvard University by the Annals of Improbable Research magazine included a team of researchers who wondered if owning a cat was bad for your mental health; Japanese scientists who tested whether banana peels are really as slippery as cartoons would have us believe; and Norwegian biologists who tested whether reindeer on the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard were frightened by humans dressed to resemble polar bears.

As has become the custom, real Nobel laureates handed out the prizes and winners were given a maximum of 60 seconds to deliver their acceptance speeches.

Sticking pork products up the patient's nose was a treatment of last resort when conventional treatments had failed, Saraiya said, and was only used for a very specific condition known as Glanzmann thrombasthenia, a rare condition in which blood does not properly clot.

"We had to do some out-of-the-box thinking," she said. "So that's where we put our heads together and thought to the olden days and what they used to do."

The 4-year-old child's nostrils were packed with cured pork twice, and according to their study, "the nasal vaults successfully stopped nasal hemorrhage promptly (and) effectively."

The method worked because "there are some clotting factors in the pork, ... at the high level of salt will pull in a lot of fluid from the nose," she said.

Still, Saraiya does not recommend sticking pork up your nose for a routine nosebleed, as it could cause infection.

Kiyoshi Mabuchi, a professor of biomedical engineering at Kitasato University in Japan, studied the slipperiness of banana peels as an extension of his research into human joint lubrication system.

"I have gotten ... evidence that the friction under banana peels is sufficiently low to make us slip," Mabuchi said via email.

The other good thing about his study is that his colleagues got to eat the bananas.

General scientists won for studying the mental health of cat owners. The bottom line? Owning a cat may be hazardous to your health.

Dr. David Hanauer, of the department of pediatrics at the University of Michigan and co-author

## Ig Nobel winners

By The Associated Press  
The 2014 Ig Nobel winners, awarded Thursday at Harvard University by the Annals of Improbable Research magazine.

**PHYSICS:** Kiyoshi Mabuchi, Ken-ichi Tanaka, Daichi Uchijima, and Rina Sakai for studying the slipperiness of banana peels.

**NEUROSCIENCE:** Jiangang Liu, Jun Li, Lu Feng, Ling Li, Jie Tian and Kang Lee, for their study "Seeing Jesus in Toast," and trying to understand what happens in the brains of people who see human faces in pieces of toast.

**PSYCHOLOGY:** Peter K. Jonason, Amy Jones and Minna Lyons, for figuring out that people who habitually stay up late tend to be more self-admiring, more manipulative and more psychopathic than people who habitually arise early.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Jaroslav Flegr, Jan Havlicek and Jitka Hansova, Lindova, and to David Hanauer, Naren Ramakrishnan and Lisa Seyfried, for investigating whether it is mentally hazardous to own a cat.

**BIOLOGY:** Vlastimil Hart, Petra Novakova, Erich Pascal Malmgren, Sabine Begall, Vladimir Hanzal, Milos Jezek, Tomas Kusta, Veronika Nemcova, Jana Adamkova, Katerina Benediktova, Jaroslav Cerveny and Hynek Burda, for carefully documenting that dogs align themselves with earth's magnetic field when defecating.

**ART:** Marina de Tommaso, Michele Sardo and Paolo Livea, for measuring the relative pain people suffer while looking at an ugly painting, rather than a pretty painting, while laser beams are aimed at their hand.

**ECONOMICS:** Italy's National Institute of Statistics for taking the lead in fulfilling the European Union mandate to increase the official size of its national economy by including revenues from prostitution, illegal drug sales, smuggling, and other unlawful financial transactions.

**MEDICINE:** Ian Humphreys, David Spina, Walter Gelenczy and James Dworkin, for treating "uncontrollable" nosebleeds with strips of cured pork.

**ARCTIC SCIENCE:** Egli Reimers and Sindre Eftedal, for testing how reindeer react to humans disguised as polar bears.

**NUTRITION:** Rachel Rubio, Anna Jofra, Beatriz Martin, Teresa Aymerich and Margarita Garriga, for their study of using infant fecal bacteria as potential probiotic starter cultures for fermented sausages.

of one of the studies, said there's no reason for cat owners to panic.

"It may simply be that people with depression gets cats because they feel depressed," he said. "I am in no way telling people to get rid of their cats."

Professor Kang Lee at the University of Toronto in Canada was part of a team that won for studying the reactions of people who see human faces in slices of toast. Although the title of the study was called "Seeing Jesus in Toast," no actual images of Jesus were shown. But the study found that in people who merely think they see a face in a slice of toast — or in any other unusual object — the part of the brain involved in facial recognition lights up.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Uniformed Secret Service officers walk along the fence on the north side of the White House in Washington on Saturday.

## Intruder scales fence, enters White House door

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Secret Service is coming under renewed scrutiny after a man scaled the White House fence and made it all the way through the front door before he was apprehended.

President Barack Obama and his daughters had just left the White House on Friday evening when the intruder climbed the north fence, darted across the lawn and into the residence, where agents nabbed him.

The security breach triggered a rare evacuation of much of the White House. Secret Service officers drew their guns as they rushed staffers and journalists out a side door.

For the Secret Service, the incident was a devastating episode that prompted fresh questions about the agency and its ability to protect the president.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee on national security, called it "totally unacceptable" and said the incident was just one of a string of security failings on the Secret Service's watch.

By RUSS BYNUM  
AND KATE BRUMBACK  
The Associated Press

**ALBANY, Ga.** — Food safety advocates say a guilty verdict in a rare federal food-poisoning trial should send a stern warning to others who may be tempted to place profits over people's welfare.

More than five years after hundreds of Americans got sick from eating salmonella-tainted peanut butter, the top executive at the Georgia plant where it was made

"Unfortunately, they are failing to do their job," said Chaffetz, R-Utah. "These are good men and women, but the Secret Service leadership has a lot of questions to answer."

"Was the door open?" he added incredulously.

The Secret Service said the incident would be reviewed to ensure proper procedures were followed.

The man in jeans and a dark shirt scaled the fence shortly after 7 p.m., appeared to be unarmed and ignored commands from officers to halt, Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan said. The intruder was tackled just inside the doors of the North Portico, the grand, columned entrance that looks out over Pennsylvania Avenue. A search of the suspect turned up no weapons.

The Secret Service identified the man as Omar J. Gonzalez, 42, of Coppertown, Texas. He was charged with unlawful entry into the White House complex and was transported to a nearby hospital complaining of chest pain. Attempts to reach Gonzalez or his relatives by phone were unsuccessful.

Although it's not uncommon for people to make it over the

White House fence, they usually are stopped almost immediately. Video from the scene showed the intruder sprinting across the lawn as Secret Service agents shouted at nearby pedestrians to clear the area.

"This situation was a little different than other incidents we have at the White House," Donovan said. "There will be a thorough investigation into the incident."

Only minutes before the breach, Obama had boarded his helicopter on the South Lawn with his daughters and one of their friends, who was joining the Obamas for a weekend getaway to Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland. First lady Michelle Obama had traveled separately to Camp David.

The Secret Service has struggled in recent years to strike the appropriate balance between ensuring the first family's security and preserving the public's access to the White House grounds. Once open to vehicles, the stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House was confined to pedestrians after the Oklahoma City bombing, but officials have been reluctant to restrict access to the area further.

## Food safety advocates: Verdict a warning

was convicted Friday of conspiracy, obstruction of justice, wire fraud and other crimes related the nationwide outbreak in 2008 and 2009.

Former Peanut Corporation of America owner Stewart Parnell, 60, could face more than three decades in prison for the outbreak linked to nine deaths that prompted one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history. His brother, Michael Parnell, and a second co-defendant could face 20 years in prison or more.

Experts said it was the first time American food processors have gone to trial on federal charges in a food-poisoning case. Food safety advocates applauded the jury verdict reached after a seven-week trial, though they also noted the case was unusually egregious.

"The message it sends is actually a pretty simple one: If you deliberately ship and sell contaminated food, there's now a good chance you might go to jail," said Jayde Hanson of the Center For Food Safety.



## NATION

# Police comb ambush suspect's neighborhood

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
The Associated Press

CANADENSIS, Pa. — Authorities who spent the night in the neighborhood where a man suspected in the fatal shooting of a Pennsylvania State Police trooper lived with his parents donned bulletproof vests and gathered heavy rifles before fanning out Saturday morning.

The burst of activity followed a long night that included gunshots and police telling residents to stay in their homes.

Police gave no information about the Saturday morning activity.

Authorities Friday night had closed roads in the wooded neighborhood of Barrett Township, in the Pocono Mountains. The shots were fired around 6:40 p.m., a Monroe County 911 dispatcher said.

State police told residents in the townships of Price and Barrett to stay inside and asked others not to travel to the area because of heavy police activity. Those who had been kept away were allowed to return to their homes Saturday morning, but told to shelter in place.

About 20 people who couldn't get back to their homes had taken refuge at the Barrett Township firehouse, said township supervisor Ralph Megliola.

State police would not say whether they believe they have Eric Frein, 31, surrounded.

As state police appeared to undergo a shift change, an unmarked helicopter flew overhead early Saturday, its lights off. After daybreak, two FBI agents in a black SUV donned tactical gear before heading toward the search area.

Police have charged Frein with opening fire outside a state police barracks in northeastern Pennsylvania on Sept. 12. Cpl. Bryon Dickson was killed and Trooper Alex Douglass was wounded by a gunman with a high-powered rifle.

Described as a self-taught survivalist with a grudge against law enforcement and government, Frein has been on the run ever since. He was placed on the FBI's 10 most wanted list, and hundreds of law enforcement officials have been searching for him in the dense woodlands surrounding his home in Canadensis. Schools in the area were closed again Friday.

Al and Debbie Mundy spent the night in their pickup after going out for groceries Friday night. When they got to the end of the road, a state trooper told them they would not be permitted back into the neighborhood.

"They would not let us turn

around to go a quarter-mile back to our house," Al Mundy said.

Canadensis resident Richard Barry couldn't get home from work Friday night before the roadblocks went up. Barry said Saturday morning that he heard from family members who were at home and they told him police were going through their yard and the dog was barking.

Worried about his family, he said he preferred to wait near police in hopes of hearing something rather than staying overnight at the firehouse.

"I'm hoping that sooner or later he (Frein) just says 'I give up. You win,'" Barry said.



GREGORY BULL/AP

San Diego County Deputy Sheriff Ben Chassen looks at a monitor as his vehicle reads the license plates of cars in a parking lot Wednesday in San Marcos, Calif. A San Diego man is suing the San Diego Association of Governments for records collected on his vehicle by a plate-reader network that runs on information supplied by local police departments.

## Wide use of license plate tracking systems raises privacy concerns

By TAMI ABDOLLAH  
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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A battle over massive systems that use cameras to monitor license plates and track drivers' comings and goings across the country has raised the ire of those who are being rebuffed in their attempts to find out how the information is being used.

The license plate scanning systems have multiplied across the U.S. over the last decade, funded largely by Homeland Security grants. But judges, including one weighing in Friday, have said people don't have the right to know.

In that case, a tech entrepreneur fighting for access to his own files is trying to make the point that people can't find out what kind of information is being collected about them and how it's being used.

"If I'm not being investigated for a crime, there shouldn't be a secret police file on me" that de-

tails "where I go, where I shop, where I visit," Michael Robertson, 47, told The Associated Press. "That's crazy, Nazi police-type stuff."

But a San Diego judge Thursday tentatively denied his request. The judge said San Diego's regional planning agency doesn't have to honor the request under California's open records law because the information captured in every scan is part of a law enforcement investigation.

The decision comes less than a month after another state judge denied a request by the ACLU of Southern California and the Electronic Frontier Foundation for one week of records on all vehicles collected by the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The systems in use around the U.S. are governed by a patchwork of local laws and regulations that have not standardized how they're used and who has access to the information they collect.

About 7 in 10 law enforcement agencies use license plate scanners in 2012 and an overwhelming majority planned to acquire such systems or expand their use, according to a study by the Police Executive Research Forum, a research and policy group.

Civil liberties advocates say these files need to be open to public scrutiny to prevent government overreach and unconstitutional privacy invasions.

On the other side are government and law enforcement officials who say they're not misusing the systems and that tracking and storing the data can help with criminal investigations, either to incriminate or exonerate a suspect.

"At some point, you have to trust and believe that the agencies that you utilize for law enforcement are doing what's right and what's best for the community, and they're not targeting your community," Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. John Gaw said.

## Florida man who shot his family had troubled past

The Associated Press

BELL, Fla. — Most people in this rural, north Florida community seemed to know about the Spirit family's troubled and tragic past.

The patriarch, Don Spirit, who police say killed his daughter and his six grandchildren before committing suicide, served time a decade ago after he accidentally shot his son to death during a hunting trip. His daughter and mother of the children, Sarah Lorraine Spirit, 28, was on probation at the time she was killed.

Gilchrist County Sheriff Robert Schultz couldn't say Friday what may have led up to the shootings. Don Spirit, 51, called 911 on Thursday afternoon from his home to say that he might hurt himself or others. By the time a deputy arrived at his mobile home along a dirt road, Spirit had committed suicide.

"There's still a lot of unanswered questions. There's going to be questions that we're never going to get answered," Schultz said.

Bell, a town of some 500 people, is south of Tallahassee, west of Gainesville and about three hours north of Tampa. Large dairy farms dot the gently rolling hills and most people spend their free time dirt biking, hunting or fishing. It's common for residents to live in mobile homes on several acres, and Don Spirit was no

different.

It's unclear when Don Spirit first arrived in Bell. Criminal records show he was in the Tampa area in the mid- to late-1990s. There, he was charged with a variety of offenses, including leaving the scene of an accident involving death.

In 2001, Don Spirit was convicted in a case where he accidentally shot and killed his 8-year-old son,



Spirit

Kyle, Sarah's younger brother. A 2003 story by the Orlando Sentinel said that on a walk through the woods with Kyle and an older son, Spirit pointed out rust on the muzzle of his rifle. The rifle fired, hitting Kyle in the head. Because of an earlier felony conviction for marijuana possession, Don Spirit couldn't legally possess a gun and spent nearly three years in prison.

Bell resident Barbara Wheldon, 29, cried when asked about the killings at a convenience store. She said she knew some of the slain children.

"If he was going to do something he should have done it to himself. Them babies is God's angels," she said.

## Pope names moderate next Chicago archbishop

Pope Francis on Saturday appointed Bishop Blase Cupich, a moderate who has called for civility in the culture wars, as the next archbishop of Chicago, signaling a shift in tone in one of the most important posts in the U.S. church.

Cupich, of Spokane, Wash., will be installed in the Archdiocese of Chicago in November, succeeding Cardinal Francis George, according to an announcement by the papal ambassador to the U.S.

George, 77, has been battling cancer and has said he believes the disease will end his life.

George is especially admired in the church's conservative wing as an intellectual who took an aggressive stand against abortion and gay marriage.

Cupich has not been among the harder-line bishops and instead has called for a "return to civility" in conversations on divisive social policies. Francis has said he wants church leaders to focus more on mercy and compassion and less on hot-button issues.

From The Associated Press

# NATION

## Calif. fire hit with record amount of retardant

By RAQUEL MARIA DILLION  
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*The Associated Press*

PLACERVILLE, Calif. — Firefighters are dropping record-breaking amounts of retardants on a massive Northern California wildfire that is burning explosively because of the prolonged drought.

California firefighters and the U.S. Forest Service together had bombarded the conflagration with more than a half-million gallons of retardant, fire spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff said Friday. That included more than 203,000 gallons in a single day.

Retardant — a water-and-fertilizer mix colored with red dye — are used as an initial attack tool on wildfires to buy time for crews to get to the scene and to dig fire lines.

But the fire activity is so extreme it's pushing through their lines.

"They can slow it down a little bit. But they're not able to hold it

long enough to get ground units in there to extinguish it before it burns through and continues its path," Tolmachoff said.

The King Fire, which authorities said was deliberately set, has chewed through nearly 120 square miles of timber and vegetation about 60 miles east of Sacramento. It was 10 percent contained.

The blaze in steep terrain forced the evacuation of 2,800 people and burned multiple structures in the White Meadows area of Pollock Pines, but details of the damage were not yet available because officials can't assess the area until it's safe to do so. One resident who has been helping carve fire lines with his bulldozer told the Sacramento Bee he lost his home on White Meadows Road when he went to check on it Friday.

"My house got burned. My house is gone. My outbuildings are gone," Tom Boscow said. "I just wish I'd been here."

The fire is threatening a key University of California, Berkeley research station that is home

to scores of experiments on trees, plants and other wildlife. It is also threatening hydroelectric facilities and power lines that deliver water and electricity to the Sacramento region and some treasured Sierra Nevada recreations areas, the Bee reported. Some power stations and lines either burned or were shut down as a precaution, cutting off energy from three utility agencies' hydroelectric reservoirs.

The man suspected of setting the fire, Wayne Allen Huntsman, 37, pleaded not guilty to an arson charge Friday in El Dorado County Superior Court. He was being held on \$10 million bail.

Authorities have not said what evidence they have linking Huntsman to the fire, by far the largest of about a dozen fires burning statewide.

The record retardant drop occurred Wednesday, and Thursday was another heavy day. Authorities reduced drops on Friday because smoke affected visibility for pilots.



JAMIE LUSCH, THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE/AP

**Cars and houses are covered with fire retardant Wednesday in Weed, Calif.**

Firefighters have used retardant since the 1950s to slow the advance of wildfires, but the practice is controversial because of its potential effect on wildlife. The Forest Service recently adjusted its retardant rules after two lawsuits that alleged the drops were killing fish, damaging watersheds and harming endangered species.

The agency now can't drop retardant within 300 feet of bodies of water on federal forest land and can't dump the slurry into certain exclusion zones designed to protect endangered plant species. The only exception is if people are in immediate danger from flames.

Andy Stahl, executive director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, said the intended purpose of retardant was to attack "very remote fire" until crews could get to the blaze.

"But now we're seeing a dramatic increase in the amount of retardant being dumped because we're not just using it in those remote wilderness areas, but we're using it on every fire, everywhere, and there are more fires," he said.

The Forest Service used 12 million gallons of retardant nationwide last year, and 60 percent of it was dumped on California fires, Stahl said.

## Prosecutors look to new DNA testing in twin cases

By DENISE LAVOIE  
*The Associated Press*

BOSTON — Prosecutors in Boston were forced to put a rape suspect on trial three times before jurors were willing to convict him a decade ago. It wasn't due to lack of evidence, but because the suspect was an identical twin.

Similar cases have popped up elsewhere, illustrating the challenges of prosecuting a twin. Because identical twins come from

a single fertilized egg, standard DNA testing has not been able to differentiate between them.

But Boston prosecutors who have struggled twice in the past decade with such cases believe they have a new tool to persuade jurors: cutting-edge DNA testing they say can distinguish between identical twins.

"The science behind this testing has been used in research, in paternity tests and in a variety of other capacities," said Jake Wark,

a spokesman for Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley, whose office is now prosecuting Dwayne McNair, a twin who is charged in the rapes and robberies of two women in 2004.

"The forensic application is novel, but it's supported by a widely accepted scientific foundation," Wark said.

McNair was scheduled to go on trial last April. But after prosecutors heard about the new DNA test done by a German company,

Eurofins Scientific, they decided to temporarily withdraw the charges against McNair so they could get a new round of testing done on DNA taken from a condom used in one of the rapes. Eurofins says it has been able to identify genetic mutations to differentiate between twins.

Prosecutors re-indicted McNair earlier this month after the new test results pointed to McNair and ruled out his twin brother, Wark said.

After the new DNA tests were conducted in the McNair case, prosecutors said the results showed that McNair was two billion times more likely to have been the source of the DNA evidence than his twin.

McNair's attorney, Robert Tobin Jr., questioned the reliability of the new testing and said he will challenge the prosecution's attempt to put it before a jury.

"It hasn't been accepted in the forensic community," he said.

## Strategies can help you protect yourself from data breaches

By JOSEPH PISANI  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Data breaches at retailers aren't going away but there are ways consumers can protect themselves from future heists of their payment card information.

Home Depot said Thursday that malicious software lurking in its check-out terminals between April and September affected 56 million debit and credit cards that customers swiped at its stores. Target, Michaels and Neiman Marcus also have been attacked by hackers in the past year.

More breaches are likely. The Department of Homeland Security Department warned last month that more than 1,000 retailers could be malware in their cash-register computers.

Here are five ways to protect

yourself:

- 1. Consider another way to pay**  
Try newer ways to pay, such as PayPal or Apple Pay. "Any technology that avoids you having your credit card in your hand in a store is safer," says Craig Young, security researcher for software maker Tripwire. Those services store your credit card information and it's not given to the retailer when you make a payment. Many big retailers, including Home Depot, accept PayPal at their stores, but many others don't. Apple Pay, which was only introduced this month, has even more limitations: It is available in just a small number of stores so far and can only be used with an iPhone 6 and use only people with

Stored-value cards or apps, such as the ones used at coffee chains Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts, are also a safer bet, says Gartner security analyst Avivah

Litan. That's because they don't expose credit card information at the register.

- 2. Sign it, don't pin it**  
If you're planning on paying with a debit card, sign for your purchase instead of typing in your personal identification number at the cash register. You can do this by asking the cashier to process the card as a credit card or select credit card on the display. Not entering your PIN into a keypad will help reduce the chances of a hacker stealing that number too, Young says. Crooks can do more damage with your PIN, possibly printing a copy of the card and taking money out of an ATM, he says. During Target's breach last year, the discount retailer said hackers gained access to customers' PINs. Home Depot, however, said there was no indication that PINs were compromised in the breach at its stores.

- 3. Beware of email scammers**

After big data breaches are exposed, and get a lot of media attention, scammers come out of the woodwork looking to steal personal information. Some emails may mention Home Depot or offer free credit monitoring, but you should never click on the links. Many are for fake sites that try to steal bank information or passwords. "Avoid these entirely," Young says. If an email looks credible, go to Home Depot's site directly instead of clicking on links.

- 4. Keep up with statements**  
Scan credit card statements every month for any unauthorized charges. And keep an eye out for smaller charges. Thieves will charge smaller amounts to test to see if you notice and then charge a larger amount later, Litan says. They may also steal a small amount from millions of accounts, scoring a big payday, she

says.

And check your credit report for any accounts that crooks may have opened in your name. Credit reports are available for free, from each of the three national credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — every 12 months from AnnualCreditReport.com. Home Depot is also offering free credit monitoring and identity protection services to customers. Customers can go to the company's website for more information or call them at 800-466-3337.

- 5. Go old school**

Use cash. When possible, the safest bet is to not swipe a card at all. Even if security gets stronger at stores, hackers are likely to figure out a way around it. "It's always a cat-and-mouse game," Young says.

## NATION

## Enduring image



Sgt. Andrew Martin Chandler, of the 44th Mississippi Regiment, left, and his slave, Silas Chandler, pose in this tintype, circa 1861.

Library of Congress

## Library of Congress acquires iconic tintype of master, slave headed off to Civil War

By MICHAEL E. RUANE  
*The Washington Post*

**I**t is 1861 and the two men are going off to war. They sit side by side before the camera, their elbows and knees touching. They wear the uniform of the Confederacy and are armed with pistols, knives and a shotgun.

But one is white, the other black; one the master, the other his slave. Both stare at the photographer, as if told to be still, and there seems to be a faint look of weariness in the eyes of the slave.

The striking 150-year old tintype, one of the most enigmatic images from the Civil War, has been donated to the Library of Congress by a collector who bought it to give to the library.

The photograph shows Sgt. Andrew Martin Chandler of the 44th Mississippi Regiment and his "servant," Silas Chandler, who was one of 36 slaves owned by the soldier's mother.

Andrew Chandler is about 17 in the picture, according to records.

Silas Chandler is in his mid-20s.

The photograph is a tiny window into the past, but it also presents modern Americans with an enduring image of the role of race in the United States. It portrays two men who are bound, willingly or unwillingly, in a common story.

It also raises a question: Why does a slave appear to be in arms against the crusade that would gain him his freedom?

"You look at those faces and you want to know more," said Helena Zinkham, head of the library's prints and photographs division. "Just look at the expressions. ... Look at their body language."

Civil War photo historian Ronald S. Coddington, who researched the picture for his 2012 book, "African American Faces

of the Civil War," said it is one of the most important photographs to come out of the conflict.

"There's not another image like it, in terms of having an identified soldier and identified servant, that you can track," he said.

"There's some bond that brought these guys together and held them together," he said. "Was it fear? Was it friendship? ... We don't know."

Lonnie G. Bunch III, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, said he was familiar with the picture.

"It's an image that historians have debated because of the discussions of whether or not African Americans voluntarily

served in the Confederacy," he said.

"The overwhelming sentiment is that African Americans who participated in the Confederacy were really coerced," he said. "They were owned. They were enslaved."

But could the men have been friends? "There's no doubt that there were relationships between owners and the enslaved," Bunch said. But they were unequal relationships. "Even if they played together as boys, they clearly were told there were distinctions based on race," he said.

The photograph was donated by McLean, Va., collector Tom Liljenquist, who has given 1,200 exquisite Civil War-era photographs to the library in the past four years.

Almost all are pictures of average soldiers or civilians, rather than generals, and are available online.

Liljenquist bought the photograph from descendants of Andrew Chandler on Aug. 15 and immediately gave it to the library. "I owned it for about 10 minutes," he said.

Liljenquist declined to say how much it cost or identify the seller. But five years ago, on the "Antiques Roadshow" television program, the picture was said to be worth \$30,000 to \$40,000.

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Ronald S. Coddington  
Civil War photo historian



## WORLD

# NATO chief: Ukraine has cease-fire in name only

By ROBERT BURNS

*The Associated Press*

VILNIUS, Lithuania — NATO's top general said Saturday the two-week-old truce between Ukraine and pro-Russian militants fighting in the country's east is a "cease-fire in name only."

U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, also said that by enabling a free flow of weapons and fighters across the border, Russia has made it nearly impossible for outsiders to determine how many of its troops are operating inside Ukraine.

Breedlove told a news confer-

ence after meeting with NATO military chiefs that he is hopeful about Saturday's announced agreement for creation of a buffer zone between Ukrainian and pro-Russian forces.

The deal reached by representatives of Ukraine, Russia, the Moscow-backed rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe marks an effort to add substance to the Sept. 5 cease-fire agreement that has been frequently broken by clashes.

Under the terms of the deal, reached in the Belarusian capital, Minsk, each party must pull

back artillery of 100 millimeters (about 4 inches) or larger at least 15 kilometers (9 miles), setting up a buffer zone that would be 30 kilometers (19 miles) wide.

The longer-range artillery systems are to be pulled even farther back to make sure the parties can't reach one another.

The deal also specifically bans flights by combat aircraft over the area of conflict and setting up new minefields.

Breedlove has put the main blame on Russia for the continuing conflict.

"So the situation in Ukraine is not good right now," he said. "Ba-

sically we have a cease-fire in name only."

Breedlove said violence levels in Ukraine, including the number of artillery rounds fired in the past few days, are as high as prior to the cease-fire.

"So the cease-fire is still there in name, but what is happening on the ground is quite a different story," he said.

Breedlove said Russian forces are still operating inside Ukraine but numbers cannot be pinpointed.

"Right now the border is being maintained open by Russian forces and Russian-backed forces, and

the fluidity of movement of Russian forces and Russian-backed forces back and forth across that border makes it almost impossible to understand the numbers," he said.

He said it is clear that the number of Russian troops in Ukraine has declined significantly over the past week or so, with some returning to the Russian side of the border — "which is good, except that they haven't returned home and are still available to bring their military force to bear on Ukraine, should it be desired" by Russian government leaders.

## Turkey: 49 hostages of Islamic State are now free

*The Associated Press*

ANKARA, Turkey — Dozens of Turkish hostages seized by the Islamic State group in Iraq were freed Saturday, resolving a serious crisis which Turkish officials had long cited as a reason to avoid moving aggressively against the violent militant group.

The 49 hostages were captured from the Turkish Consulate in Mosul, Iraq on June 11, when the Islamic State group overran the city in its surge to seize large swaths of Iraq and Syria. But the circumstances of their release — which drew flag-waving crowds to the Turkish capital's airport — were clouded in mystery.

Turkish leaders gave only limited details of the release and the hostages declined to answer all but the most general questions from journalists when they arrived at Ankara airport around midday Saturday.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency reported no ransom had been paid and "no conditions were accepted in return for their release" but the organization didn't cite any source for its reporting.

"I think it's fair to say that we haven't been told the full story," said Aaron Stein, an associate fellow at the London-based Royal United Services Institute who has studied Turkey's security policy.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the release was the result of the intelligence agency's "own methods," and not a special forces operations, but he didn't elaborate.

"After intense efforts that lasted days and weeks, in the early hours, our citizens were handed over to us and we brought them back to our country," Davutoglu said.

Hostages quizzed by journalists as they emerged from the plane said they couldn't go into detail as to the nature of their ordeal, but a couple of them hinted at ill treatment and death threats.

Ex-hostage Alptekin Esirgun told Anadolu that militants held a gun to Consul General Ozturk Yilmaz's head and tried to force him to make a statement.

Turkey had been reluctant to join a coalition to defeat the Islamic State group, citing the safety of its 49 kidnapped citizens, but Stein said he doubted Turkey would suddenly adopt a much more muscular attitude toward the organization.



TIM IRELAND/AP

## Gorillas take to London streets

A runner crosses London Bridge during The Great Gorilla Run in London on Saturday. The 8km run, organized by The Gorilla Organization, aims to raise money to help save the lives and preserve the habitat of gorillas, which are an endangered species.

## Sierra Leone goes on 3-day lockdown to control Ebola

By ROBYN DIXON

*Los Angeles Times*

JOHANNESBURG — Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, according to Sierra Leone's leader, who ushered in a controversial three-day curfew across the entire country Friday in a bid to halt the deadly Ebola virus.

In a measure criticized by humanitarian agencies as punitive and counterproductive, Sierra Leone authorities have banned anyone from leaving their houses until midnight Sunday, so that health workers can go door to door to educate people about the virus and track down households that are concealing infected people.

The government has instructed 30,000 health workers and hastily trained volunteers to visit every house in the country, home to 6 million people, in the space of just three days.

Stephen Gauja, coordinator of an emergency operations center in the capital, said Saturday that no violence occurred and that residents were "largely compliant" with health care workers and volunteers who distributed soap and information about the deadly disease, according to a report by The Associated Press.

Humanitarian workers have harshly criticized the measure, saying it could do more harm than good, destroying relationships between the population and health authorities in a region where rumors are rife that the illness is an invention or conspiracy.

"It has been our experience that lockdowns and quarantines do not help control Ebola, as they end up driving people underground and jeopardizing the trust between people and health providers," the medical charity Doctors Without Borders said in a statement when the curfew was proposed. "This leads to the concealment of potential cases and ends up spreading the disease further."

The group, which has taken the lead on fighting Ebola in West Africa, also has been highly critical of the slow global response to the outbreak. More than 2,000 people had died before the United States and other countries and international agencies ramped up their response in recent days.

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## OPINION

# Different fit for 'boots' in 21st century

By MARGARET TALEV  
 Bloomberg News

**L**ike war itself, the origin of the expression "boots on the ground" is murky.

The phrase, of course, is slang for sending combat troops to war. It has ties at least to the Vietnam era, while calling recruits or infantrymen "boots" has roots in World War I.

It's an expression President Barack Obama's advisers, backers and critics use to describe what they promise won't happen, or suspect will happen, or insist should happen as the U.S. ramps up its campaign against Islamic State terrorists in Iraq and Syria.

The use of it in politics and pop culture swelled and took on a more controversial context in the two decades since the NATO bombing of Bosnia, as technological advancements made airstrikes and drones powerful alternatives to foot soldiers and the American appetite for ground wars waned.

It's become "a loaded term," said Matt Seelinger, chief historian at the Army History Foundation. "When you say 'boots on the ground,' it's a much bigger commitment than saying 'cruise missiles' or 'drones.'"

What does a promise of "no boots" mean anyway when there's a wiggle room for U.S. Special Operations forces under the authority of the Central Intelligence Agency to quietly engage in conflicts? Or when more than 1,000 military personnel are tapped to support diplomatic security and help Iraqis isolate targets?

It has echoes of "a distinction that Kennedy and Johnson tried to maintain on Vietnam," said Peter Feaver, a political science professor at Duke University who served on the White House National Security Council under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

"In Kennedy's mind there's a bright line between the advisory role and the combat troops — when we're advising others doing the fighting and dying versus when it was our own."

Over time, that distinction became "blurrier," Feaver said. "You can't know for sure, in advance, whether you'll hit a situation when you need the advisers to move from distant advising to close advis-



MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

**"The president saying no boots on the ground ... goes to the heart of the nature of this kind of conflict. We can do a lot of damage from the air. But if we try to do this ourselves on the ground, almost ipso facto we've lost."**

Samuel Berger  
 former national security adviser

ing. And when you're close-advising and the shooting starts, the close advisers may have to be shooting as well. And then the distinction has lost all of its meaning."

Modern use of the expression "boots on the ground" began with the Iranian hostage crisis, Seelinger said. He cites an article in the Christian Science Monitor from 1980 in which Volney Warner, a four-star Army general who led the U.S. Readiness Command, talked about how "U.S. combat boots on the ground" can broadcast the U.S.'s intensity of commitment.

Thomas Donnelly at the American Enterprise Institute said the term's use really

began to gel in 1990, when the Gulf War created "a sharp differentiation between an air campaign and a land campaign" and the evolution of a "high anxiety about land warfare" began.

The use of the phrase in public discourse expanded during Bill Clinton's presidency with the NATO campaigns in Yugoslavia, and again after Sept. 11 with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The conventional wisdom going into the Gulf War was all this technology would have no effect and everything was too sophisticated" to function in the desert, Donnelly said. After those predictions turned out to be wrong, "The pendulum swung to the opposite extreme."

Air Force Secretary Deborah James said this week that "for all of the talk that we go through in terms of boots on the ground" she thanked God "that we have so many U.S. airmen boots in the air."

In reality, Donnelly said, "There are still things that robots and sensors can't really do that well." Still, "You see both sides of the political spectrum champion the 'no-boots-on-the-ground' mantra."

Before the NATO bombing campaign in Bosnia in 1995, and the Kosovo War in 1999, "there was great skepticism early on about whether you could actually achieve your objectives with air power," said Samuel Berger, former national security adviser to Clinton. "It's now become second nature that you can use air power to achieve these selected target objectives."

"I think the argument about boots on the ground in Iraq and Syria is kind of misplaced," Berger said.

"It's not just because the American people don't want to put boots on the ground that the president's saying we're not going to put boots on the ground," he said.

"It makes no sense in Iraq to do it. If we were on the ground fighting this war we would lose. If we turn this into a U.S. vs. Arab, U.S. vs. Sunni war, we lose, in a very big long-term way."

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# On immigration reform, president stutter-steps

The Washington Post

**P**resident Obama's zig and zag in pursuit of immigration reform are a long-unfolding narrative now assuming epic dimensions. In the latest installment, Obama has postponed the unilateral reforms he promised to have unveiled by now. He did so not for any high-minded purpose but rather to avoid dealing mortal blows to the re-election of a handful of Democratic senators who begged the president to hold off.

Thus has subverting immigration reform become a bipartisan project advanced by Republicans, who despise the idea of putting millions of Hispanics on a path to citizenship, and by Democrats, who like it but fear the political fallout.

Obama insists the congressional inaction justifies his determination to take matters

into his own hands and refashion enforcement of the nation's laws to his liking. In his view, executive action is warranted by legislative paralysis; he alone will determine (though not quite yet) the breadth and depth of changes that could affect the status of millions of undocumented immigrants.

The president's goals are right, the method, depending on how far he goes, seems ill-advised. Until he outlines his legal justification, if he eventually proceeds unilaterally as promised, no firm judgment can be offered. But his options seem limited if he intends to put the rest of sweeping changes that advocates of reform are counting on.

Just a year ago, Obama told an interviewer that he "would be very difficult to defend legally" any move to shield large numbers of additional illegal immigrants from deportation

as he did in 2012 for so-called Dreamers — undocumented migrants brought to this country as children.

Other ways for the president to protect immigrants from deportation, including granting administrative "parole," have never been used — and are not intended — for huge categories of millions of individuals facing possible deportation.

Whether Obama may be able to make stick such a blanket change in enforcement is one question; he probably can. A separate question is whether it's wise.

His decision to postpone an action he promised for the end of the summer, for fear of the electoral fallout, underscores the enormity of the likely political backlash. By ignoring Congress and sidestepping normal procedures — the same procedures he himself followed

for several years in hopes for immigration reform — Obama does the nation no favors.

We share the president's conviction that the immigration system is a mess that Congress — specifically, House Republicans — has abdicated its responsibility and defied popular will by refusing to fix it; and that the status quo of 11 million undocumented immigrants is economically self-defeating.

But rewriting the law unilaterally in defiance of Congress — or dubious legal grounds, even after the midterm elections, will not ultimately serve the cause of durable reform. It is more likely to ignite a political firestorm that will give the upper hand to immigration restrictions, who would use it for years to justify resistance to reform. For the president, that would be a pyrrhic victory indeed.

## OPINION

## Happy homecoming tells half of the story

By CHRISTIE ASCHWANDEN  
Special To The Washington Post

An Army major comes home after nine months at war and, with cameras rolling, makes an unexpected visit to his 8-year-old daughter's school. She runs to hug him and, tears flowing, does not let go. A Navy petty officer just back from Afghanistan reunites with her 12-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son during the children's field trip to the zoo. A soldier returning from a deployment disguises himself as a catcher and surprises his wife and son at a baseball game.

Broadcast homecomings such as these have become the public face of military families post-deployment reunions, but the intense happiness of these moments can mask the challenges that lie ahead as these families navigate life after their loved ones return from war.

"We call it reunion porn," says Amy Bushatz, managing editor of Military.com's SpouseBuzz blog and the wife of an infantry soldier. "The feeling among the people I work with and my readers is that it's not a fair representation." The happy welcomes tell only the "mushy reunion half of the story," she says. "What happens when he gets home? Not just that night, but three weeks from then?"

Mental health experts say that these homecomings can bring challenges along with the happiness. Most hallmark moments are powerful, and we're really drawn to them," says Katherine Rosenblum, a clinical and developmental psychologist at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, but it's important to recognize that the worrisome effects of deployment don't end when a tour of duty is done.

Trauma gets a lot of attention, but it's not just trauma — it's also reconnecting and rebuilding relationships and struggling to redefine your role in the family after you've been gone for some time," Rosenblum says.

Spouses who remained home often feel as though they had managed to find a rhythm and routine, and then the servicemember returns and the spouse must figure out how to share some control. "How do we shift back? Can we?" Rosenblum says. "These men and women holding down the home front are carrying the burden," Bushatz says. "When the servicemember comes home, it's up to them to figure out the new normal."

Last year, Rosenblum and colleagues published a study examining fathers' experiences parenting after their deployments. The dads regretted missing important events in their children's lives and felt a loss of closeness with their kids. Some found it difficult to adapt to family life.

"In the military, there's a clear command structure. But then they come home and tell their kid to clean up their room, and they say, 'No way.' That's hard to adjust to," Rosenblum says. "Par-



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

A toddler embraces his father who returned home from a deployment to Afghanistan.

ents face a lot of questions — how do I reconnect with this child who really changed while I was gone?" Some fathers confided that they needed more support expressing their emotions and finding ways to control their tempers and learn parenting skills.

"Some of these guys come home and they have to be an instant dad — it's hard," says Julie Provost, who blogs about military life at Soldier's Wife, Crazy Life.

Her husband was deployed for the beginning of her son Drew's life. "He didn't get back until Drew was 11 months old. It took time for them to bond," she says. Her husband told her, "I know I have a son, and I love him, but I don't know him."

Reunions are sometimes a confusing time for children, says Catherine Mogil, a child psychologist and director of training for Families OverComing Under Stress, a Defense Department program that provides resiliency training to military families. Even if it's not a surprise, a homecoming can produce a blend of emotions for kids. "There's happiness, and maybe some anxiety — what will the parent be like?" Mogil says.

A deployed parent's return home can also evoke a sense of how painful the separation was, she says — "I've missed you so much, and your return makes me realize how sad I am." Confused by mixed emotions, children think, "I'm happy, so why am I crying?"

Surprise homecomings can be particularly difficult. "I get

worried about showing these moments on TV, because no one knows until they're there how they'll react," Mogil says. "Sometimes people are surprised by their own feelings, and you're sharing this moment with the world."

Even so, Bushatz understands why so many returning servicemembers plan public surprise reunions. "It's a little bit like your wedding day," she says. "There's all this imagining how you'll see each other from across the room and you run." She says there's nothing inherently wrong with wanting to share or film a happy reunion. "This is a moment you've been envisioning for the entirety of the deployment. It's a very happy moment, and you want everybody to see your joy," Bushatz says. "It's hard to question that motive."

When her husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Camarillo, returned home from a six-month deployment in Afghanistan last December, Jessica Camarillo arranged for him to turn up unannounced to meet their 6-year-old daughter at home and 7-year-old son at his school.

"It was just something special," she says. "We love surprising our kids, and what better surprise than to have Daddy come home?"

This was his third deployment, and the kids hadn't been expecting him until February. "My son did a double-take, she says. "On the video, you can tell it took a second to register. He was definitely shocked." Camarillo says that the surprise reunion was far more emotional for the kids than other

times her husband has come home from tours abroad. This time, she says, they weren't expecting his return and she saw "overwhelming relief" on her children's faces. She doesn't worry that this surprise will condition the kids to expect other homecomings to happen early, because, she says, "I'm always really honest with the kids."

Not every military parent shares Camarillo's enthusiasm for surprises. When Kerri-Leigh Grady's husband, a Navy commander, was returning from Afghanistan after three almost back-to-back deployments, a family member suggested that they call the local TV station in Birmingham, Ala., to film the reunion. Grady refused. She worried that the camera would pressure her 3- and 4-year-old boys to perform.

As it turned out, she was especially glad she'd said no, because of her sons' "heartbreaking" response to their father's appearance. The older boy's first reaction was to hide behind his mother.

"He didn't know how to deal with his emotions. He was happy to see his father, but he was also conflicted." And the younger son didn't recognize his dad, though he had seen photos of him every day. "He clung to me and refused to be held by this strange man," Grady says. "The cameras would have been long gone by the time they warmed up to their father."

Grady objects to "reunion porn," saying that it is too often "used to give civilians a feel-good moment and a sense of having participated in our lives." Without actually doing anything meaningful, civilians can watch these TV moments

and feel "that they support the troops, even when they don't give a second thought to the [military spouse] neighbor struggling so hard she can barely keep the yard mowed," Grady says.

"How many civilians have known the guilt we feel when we're so relieved that IED didn't hit our husband? How many civilians know how often we're up late at night, unable to sleep because we haven't heard from our spouse?" she asks. "They have no idea, because their only view of the deployment experience is reunion."

The public's perception of homecomings too often centers on one of two narratives, says Bushatz, who calls them "the hero and the monster." In the hero narrative, the servicemember is heralded with patriotic pageantry, and then, with the family reunited, it's assumed all is well. In the monster narrative, the military member comes home irreparably damaged and the family will never be normal again.

But neither of those narratives captures the true experiences of most families, Bushatz says. Life is different after deployment, she says, but most people adapt. "Military families are regular people with regular problems; it's just that their regular problems are different from civilians'."

Studies show that deployments can strain marriages, but they also show that military families are remarkably resilient, says Jacey Eckhart, a military sociologist and director of spouse and family programs at Military.com, a membership organization affiliated with the online employment service Monster.com.

A study published last year in the Journal of Population Economics found that every month of deployment increased the risk of divorce, but only for couples married for fewer than five years. "The researchers hypothesize that people who are better suited for military life and have more of the tools of military life are more inclined to stay with it," Eckhart says. "Combat deployment acts on marriage like an earthquake: The stronger the marriage was to begin with, the more likely it is to be able to withstand the onslaught."

Families who received outpourings of care from loved ones during deployment may find that this help disappears once the servicemember comes home, even as their need for support continues.

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"Even if the deployment was smooth sailing, you were separated for however many months, and there are going to be growing pains," Bushatz says. "You have to learn about each other again. Things aren't going to be the same after deployment; they're just not."

Aschwanden is a Rosalynn Carter Fellow for Mental Health Journalism.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Fake tweets stir debate, spur lawsuit

**IL** CHICAGO — Jon Daniel was watching cartoons with one of his sons when he created a spoof Twitter account in the name of the Deoria mayor. Out of boredom, he said, he soon began sending profane messages about sex, drugs and alcohol.

Daniel, 29, never intended for the fake account to be seen by anyone other than his friends, and it never attracted more than a few dozen followers. But within weeks the raunchy parody led to a police raid of his home and ignited a debate about online satire, free speech and the limits of a mayor's power.

Now Daniel is taking the matter to federal court in a lawsuit alleging the city violated his civil rights.

## College allows video applications

**MD** TOWSON — Goucher College is offering a novel way for cellphone-savvy teenagers to seek admission if the regular application process seems too confusing or if they fear that their grades and test scores aren't good enough.

They can skip the ACT and SAT admission tests. They don't need to send a high school transcript. Instead, they can submit a two-minute video to the liberal arts college in Baltimore County, Md., that answers a simple question: How do you see yourself at Goucher?

In recent years, a growing number of students have begun sending colleges videos to supplement their applications. Some videos are crucial for those seeking entry to a school with a focus on performing arts.

But Goucher President Jose A. Bowen said that he believes his college will be the first to allow general students to submit a self-produced video as the central component of an application.

Students who prefer to apply the traditional way can still do so.

But Bowen said he hopes that the alternative method will help Goucher connect with those who otherwise might not consider themselves college material.

These students might be intimidated by the Common Application or Universal College Application. Or they might think that a couple of bad grades in key subjects will disqualify them.

## Playing cards would help publicize crimes

**OH** CINCINNATI — A crime victim advocate's use of decks of cards intended to help solve cold-case homicides is getting a boost from some Cincinnati officials.

City officials have pledged to help Hope Dudley produce the decks of cards that she wants to get into the hands of prison inmates and others who might have information on the cases. Each card features the victim of an unsolved murder.

Dudley, who runs the support group UCanSpeakForMe,



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## The man, the myth, the maze?

The VonTruim Farm in South Brunswick, N.J., is honoring New York Yankees' Derek Jeter with a five-acre corn maze. It is open to the public until Oct. 31.

showed off the cards to members of the city council's law committee recently. Members pledged to promote the project and possibly use police forfeiture funds to help put more decks on the street, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

## Escaped boa constrictor captured

**ID** NAMPA — A 9-foot Colombian boa constrictor named Trinity that escaped its southwest Idaho cage was found after two days on the loose.

Trinity didn't appear to have traveled far after being spotted Sunday in the garage that holds the snake's cage.

Jittery neighbors with small pets and children went on alert after the owner reported to Nampa police that the snake disappeared and hadn't eaten for three weeks.

The owner said he plans to buy a better cage.

## It's cops vs. hogs in Jefferson Parish

**LA** GRETNA — With an estimated half-million wild pigs roaming Louisiana, there are few predators to curtail their numbers.

NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reported Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office sharpshooters

will be enlisted to reduce the size of the hog population in an attempt to stem damage to levees on the parish's west bank.

Sheriff Newell Normand signed an agreement Aug. 29 that enlists deputies for hog eradication.

Levee authority regional director John Monzon said the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has added feral hogs to the sheriff's permit for nuisance animals. He said the first hunt will be no later than Oct. 1.

## Sheriff: Guardsman dies in car accident

**WI** SHELL LAKE — Washburn County authorities

## THE CENSUS

# \$1,000

The amount of cash in \$100 bills given to the drive-thru cashier at an Abilene, Texas, Chick-fil-A to pick up the tab for cars that followed. The driver, who said his name was John, told workers he just wanted to make everyone's Monday better. The franchise owner said the cash paid for food for 88 vehicles over about an hour.



identified a man who was fatally hit by a car this month as a National Guardsman returning from a comrade's funeral.

The sheriff's office said David Talford, 27, of Mondovi died early Sept. 5 after running on a highway near Trego. Authorities said Talford and a friend were driving back from the funeral after drinking at several bars.

The friend told authorities Talford pulled over to take a nap because he was too intoxicated to drive. Authorities said it's unclear why Talford got out of his car and was in the highway lane. Authorities said the crash was an accident.

WDIO-TV reported Talford served in the National Guard for eight years and had been deployed to Iraq.

## Ex-driver's license examiner took bribes

**PA** UNIONTOWN — A former state driver's license examiner pleaded guilty to taking bribes from immigrants, mostly from the Asian country of Bhutan, who were given licenses without having to pass driving tests.

Marvin Mills, 58, of Vanderbilt, entered a general plea of guilty to 16 counts of bribery, two counts of tampering with public records and one count of unsworn falsification.

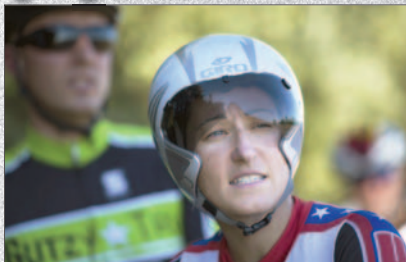
Mills formerly worked at the Uniontown Driver's License Center in Fayette County, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh. State police said he was in a criminal complaint that he had tested 346 Bhutanese drivers since June 2009 and failed only seven before the scheme was discovered in August 2013.

From wire reports

## LIFESTYLE

# Paracyclist rides out cancer to become a world champion

## Athlete overcomes disease, losing use of leg to win ESPY Award



PHOTOS BY PAUL KITAGAKI JR., THE SACRAMENTO BEE/MCT

In July, world champion paracyclist Jamie Whitmore was honored with an ESPY Award for best female athlete with a disability.

By KATRINA CAMERON  
The Sacramento Bee

If her eye is on the prize, champion paracyclist Jamie Whitmore will devote her all toward securing it.

That's what the 38-year-old Sacramento, Calif., resident did to earn one of her latest achievements — an ESPY Award from ESPN as the best female athlete with a disability.

"I don't like to lose anything, so I went campaigning," Whitmore said. "I'm very grateful for all the places that I've traveled to in the world because a bunch of those people started campaigning. It was mostly my friends who posted, shared and voted."

Whitmore has dozens of career victories under her belt, according to TeamUSA.org. She is ranked No. 1 in both track and road cycling in her classification and has won six world titles in the past 12 months: two on the track and four on the road.

Despite that, being awarded the ESPY Award in July came as a surprise to her.

"I was up against some great, great competition who have been in parasports much longer than me," Whitmore said. "This is only my second full year, and they've been around for six years plus. It was just a great honor."

Although she's somewhat of a newcomer to the paralympic

scene, Whitmore is a longtime champion athlete. She has 37 career victories with the XTERRA triathlon series, including United States, European and world championship titles and multiple wins in the professional mountain bike circuit.

Her professional athletic career was stunted in March 2008, when she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. A spindle cell sarcoma wrapped around the sciatic nerve in Whitmore's lower left leg. A condition known as drop foot led to her losing the use of her lower left leg and relearning how to walk. She was told she would never bike again.

Two years and three surgeries later, she was cancer-free and had given birth to twin boys, Ryder and Christian, now 4. Then after living cancer-free for three years, she proved her doctors wrong by hopping back on the bike in 2012.

"It was hard, but there was still freedom within it, and I didn't care because it was that good kind of hurt, like I'm back to riding," Whitmore said.

Two braces support her left leg, one with more flexibility for everyday activities and a stiffer one with appropriate support for cycling. One of the braces ends up broken often, so she applies for grants from the Challenged Athletes Foundation for help with the more than \$800 cost to replace it.

"Jamie is still the same in-



tense, competitive person, so in many ways it's not really different, though there are alterations to be made," said Neal Henderson, of Boulder, Colo., who competed in the early 2000s in XTERRA as Whitmore did. "In any case, you always work with what you have."

Henderson, 41, who began coaching Whitmore before her disability, said her background as a "world champion and a world-class athlete has given her a leg up on her competition."

"Just to see that transforma-

tion and the progression in the sport has been very fascinating," he said of Whitmore as a para-athlete.

Whitmore said that rather than her fierce competitiveness, it's always been her faith that has gotten her through it all. "Knowing (God) guides me where he wants me to be, not where I want to be."

She is in the midst of writing her autobiography, "Powered by God," which borrows the name from a sticker on her bike that she displayed throughout her

athletic career.

Her next athletic goal is the 2016 Paralympics. When she isn't training, competing, writing her book or spending time with family, Whitmore can be found coaching her triathletes.

She tells them, "If I could start with practically one whole leg down, you can get off that couch and make that first step."

"It's about doing it because you want to do it, and not comparing ourselves to others. I am who I am, and I'm gonna do what I can."

**'It was hard, but there was still freedom within it, and I didn't care because it was that good kind of hurt, like I'm back to riding.'**

Jamie Whitmore

on returning to cycling after battling a rare form of cancer and relearning to walk after losing use of her lower left leg



## FALL MOVIE PREVIEW



# Faces of Fall

'Gone Girl,' 'Unbroken' lead drumbeat of this season's films

By JAKE COYLE/The Associated Press

photos by The Associated Press, movie studios

From top left: Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo star in "Foxcatcher"; Ben Affleck stars in "Gone Girl"; Reese Witherspoon stars in "Wild"; Brad Pitt stars in "Fury"; David Oyelowo and Carmen Ejogo star in "Selma"; Matthew McConaughey stars in "Interstellar"; and Jennifer Lawrence stars in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1."

Unable to find her second directing project, Angelina Jolie took to sifting through "generals." Looking for a diamond in the rough, the actress-turned-director searched the movies that studios owned but weren't making.

"So I scanned through these generals and landed on 'Unbroken,' a story of resilience and strength and the human spirit, of faith and survival at sea," says Jolie. "It was about three sentences and I came home and I said to Brad, 'What about this one?' And he said, 'Oh, honey, that one's been around forever.' It had a reputation for being one that never gets done."

But "Unbroken" — the true tale of Louis Zamperini, a track star who was lost in the Pacific for 47 days after his plane was shot down during World War II — stuck with Jolie, even though it had been kicking around Hollywood for decades. "It was like a fever, an obsession," she says.

"So I fought for it and I fought for it and I fought for it," says Jolie. "It took me months of fighting to get the job."

Even for the world's most famous stars, determination is a necessary ingredient for the fall movie season. Few of the fall's films haven't had to claw their way to theaters. It's a season for the movies' most unconventional thinkers, the ones dedicated to making a tragic Olympic wrestler drama ("Foxcatcher") or finding humor in North Korea ("The Interview").

Led by "Unbroken" (Dec. 25 in the U.S.), this year's fall is a battlefield of war stories, including Jolie's (new) husband Brad Pitt on the Western Front in "Fury" (Oct. 17), a WWII drama about a tank of American soldiers. Clint Eastwood also returns for his second film this year with "American Sniper" (Dec. 25), starring Bradley Cooper as an elite Navy SEAL marksman.

American tales, both triumphant and warped, will be numerous. In the based-on-a-true-story "Foxcatcher" (Nov. 14) from Bennett Miller, an Olympic wrestler (Channing Tatum) is taken in by a rich but demented benefactor (Steve Carell). A year after David Oyelowo and Oprah Winfrey co-starred in "The Butler," they reteam in "Selma" (Dec. 25), in which Oyelowo plays Martin Luther King. (Winfrey is a producer)

In "The Interview" (also Dec. 25) from Seth Rogen and his directing partner Evan Goldberg, Rogen and James Franco play journalists asked by the CIA to assassinate Kim Jong-un. It's distinguished as the only autumn film a country (North Korea) has asked President Obama to block.

Many of the upcoming films — like Alejandro Iñárritu's "Birdman," or the "Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance" with Michael Keaton (Oct. 17), and the Reese Witherspoon drama "Wild" (Dec. 5) — will drum up anticipation on the festival circuit and hope to be drafted into the awards season industrial complex, an increasingly all-consuming annual rite of hype-soaked frenzy. This year, one film will set the season's beat unlike any other: "Whiplash" (Oct. 23). In the Sundance hit, Miles Teller plays an obsessively focused jazz drummer at an elite New York conservatory under the strict tutelage of a drill-sergeant teacher (J.K. Simmons).

"Absolutely where I connected to Andrew was his drive and his ambition," says Teller, the 27-year-old actor whose 2013 breakout with "The Spectacular Now" will continue with "Whiplash." "You can look at this movie and say, 'It's destroying him. It's killing him. He's giving away his humanity for his art.' But a lot of people go through life not caring about anything remotely as much as Andrew cares about drumming."

Whereas Teller is a fresh face to the gantlet of awards season, David Fincher is a seasoned veteran — one who has consistently avoided the season's trappings. He directs one of the fall's most anticipated movies, "Gone Girl" (Oct. 3), an adaptation of the best-selling Gillian Flynn novel.

Other heavyweight filmmakers, of course, will be debuting films this fall, including Paul Thomas Anderson's Thomas Pynchon adaptation, "Inherent Vice" (Dec. 12), starring Joaquin Phoenix. But no film is more eagerly awaited than Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" (Nov. 7), a philosophical sci-fi action thriller starring Matthew McConaughey. A year after his Oscar win for "Dallas Buyers Club," the McConaissance is going to space.



# FALL MOVIE PREVIEW

**All dates are U.S. release dates unless otherwise noted.**

## SEPTEMBER

**"Tusk":** From writer and director Kevin Smith comes a story about podcaster Wallace Bryton (Justin Long), who goes missing after interviewing a seafarer (Michael Parks). His friends set out on a search to find him in the Canadian backwoods.

**"Hector and the Search for Happiness":** Hector (Simon Pegg), a quirky psychiatrist, tells his girlfriend, Clara (Rosamund Pike), that he is tired of the mundane life. He sets off on a global quest to search for true happiness.

**"Pride"** takes place during the summer of 1984 when a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists raise money to support National Union of Mineworkers on strike.

**"The Boxtrolls":** From the creators of "Coraline" comes a new stop-motion animation about a family of mischievous creatures who take in an orphan boy named Eggs.

**"The Equalizer":** Denzel Washington plays McCall, a man who finds a young girl (Chloe Grace Moretz) at the hands of violent Russian gangsters. He comes out of his self-imposed retirement to seek justice.

**"The Notebook":** During the height of World War II, a desperate mother takes her twin 13-year-old sons to live with her estranged mother. The inseparable twins communicate without words as a way to cope with the world around them.

## OCTOBER

**"Birdman":** An actor famous for portraying a superhero struggles to mount a Broadway play in this black comedy starring Michael Keaton.

**"Maps to the Stars":** TV self-help therapist Stafford Weiss (John Cusack) and his family are thrown for a loop when another family member (Mia Wasikowska) arrives in town and becomes the personal assistant to an actress (Julianne Moore) troubled by the ghost of her legendary mother.

**"Gone Girl":** Based on the bestseller by Gillian Flynn, Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) reports that his wife (Rosamund Pike) has gone missing. Nick's strange behavior causes everyone around him, including the police and media, to question if he murdered his wife.

**"Left Behind":** An apocalyptic thriller about the biblical rapture when millions of people disappear without a trace. Starring Nicolas Cage.

**"The Good Lie":** Orphaned by the brutal civil war in Sudan, a group of Sudanese men known as "The Lost Boys" travel thousands of miles on foot in search of safety. Directed by Philippe Falardau ("Monsieur Lazhar").

**"The Two Faces of January":** Set in Greece and Turkey in 1962, a wealthy American couple (Viggo Mortensen, Kirsten Dunst) meet tour guide Rydell (Oscar Isaac). A murder at the airport ends puts all three on the run through the two countries.

**"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day":** Disney's Imagination, No Good, Very Bad Day. A comedy that follows the exploits of 11-year-old Alexander (Ed Oxenbold) as he deals with a disastrous day. Also starring Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner.

**"Krull Untold"** tells the origins of the man who became Dracula. Starring Luke Evans ("Fast & Furious 6").

**"I Am All":** An intimate look at the boxing legend through his personal archive of audio journals, as well as interviews from family and friends.

**"The Judge":** Hank Palmer (Robert Downey Jr.) returns to his hometown in an effort to figure out whether his estranged father (Robert Duvall) committed a murder.

**"Book of Life":** Young Manolo embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastical worlds in this animated comedy from producer Guillermo del Toro and director Jorge Gutierrez.

**"Kill the Messenger":** Jeremy Renner stars as the Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist Gary Webb, who uncovered a deadly cocaine conspiracy that took him from the prisons of California to the villages of Nicaragua.

**"Liting":** Cambodian-Chinese mother (Cheng



**Emily Blunt, left, and James Corden star in "Into the Woods," due to hit U.S. theaters Dec. 25.**



**Jim Carrey, left, and Jeff Daniels reunite in "Dumb and Dumber To." The comedy, a sequel to "Dumb and Dumber," will be released in the U.S. in November.**



**Michael Keaton, left, and Edward Norton star in the dark comedy "Birdman."**

Pei Pei) mourns the recent death of her son Kai (Andrew Leung). Grieving, too, is Kai's lover (Ben Whishaw), who is in a difficult position because Kai never came out to his mother.

**"Nightcrawler":** Jake Gyllenhaal plays a young man in the business of freelance crime journalism in Los Angeles. With Bill Paxton and Riz Ahmed.

**"The Best of Me":** Two former high school sweethearts reunite after 20 years, finding each other at the funeral for a mutual friend. Their reunion reignites an forgotten love for one another. Based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks.

**"Whiplash":** Nineteen-year-old drummer Andrew Neyman dreams of rising to the top of the country's elite music conservatory. He finds a mentor in Terence Fletcher, a domineering instructor and talented conductor.

**"Dior and I":** A look at the storied fashion institution and Raf Simons' first Haute Couture collection as the new artistic director from filmmaker Frederic Theys ("Diana Vreeland")

**"Laggies":** Megan (Keira Knightley) panics when her high school boyfriend (Mark Webber) proposes. She hides out at the home of new friend Annika (Chloe Grace Moretz) until she can decide what to do.

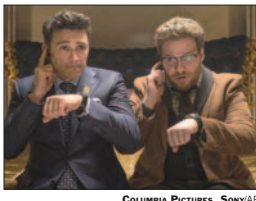
**"St. Vincent":** A young boy whose parents just



**Quvenzhané Wallis plays the title role in the upcoming movie "Annie."**



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divorced strikes up an unlikely friendship with his war-veteran neighbor.

**"Before I Go to Sleep":** A thriller about a woman (Nicole Kidman) who wakes up every day with no memory after a traumatic accident in her past. With Mark Strong and Colin Firth.

## NOVEMBER

**"Rosewater"** marks the directorial debut of "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart in this memoir film based on the writings of journalist Maziar Bahari.

**"Big Hero 6":** Robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada teams up with robot friend Baymax on a mission to save his city, San Fransokyo, from a criminal plot. Voiced by Maya Rudolph, Jamie Chung and Damon Wayans, Jr.

**"Interstellar":** Limitations on human space travel are put to the test when a group of explorers discover a new wormhole in this sci-fi space adventure directed by Christopher Nolan. With Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway and Jessica Chastain.

**"Beyond the Lights":** Hot new actress Noni Jean is primed for superstardom. A young cop and aspiring politician is assigned to her detail, and they quickly fall in love despite protests

around them to put their focus on career first.

**"Dumb and Dumber To":** Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels reprise their roles as the best buddies ready for adventure in this comedy sequel by the Farrelly brothers.

**"Fury"** takes place in April 1945 at the heart of Nazi Germany. Army sergeant Wardaddy (Brad Pitt) commands a tank and a five-man crew on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. With Shia LaBeouf.

**"The Theory of Everything":** Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking is played by Eddie Redmayne ("Les Misérables") in a romantic drama and biopic that takes place in the 1960s as Hawking studies at Cambridge University and meets art student Jane Wilde.

**"Foxcatcher":** A dark psychological drama about Olympic wrestler Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum), who comes under the tutelage of John E. du Pont (Steve Carell). Du Pont's cruel psychological game-play begins to erode the wrestler's self-esteem as he also attempts to step out of the shadow of his revered brother (Mark Ruffalo). With Vanessa Redgrave.

**"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1":** Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) returns to District 13 after literally shattering the games forever. Under the leadership of President Coin (Julianne Moore), Katniss sets off to save Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) and an endangered nation moved by her courage.

**"Horrible Bosses 2":** Nick, Dale and Kurt launch their own business, but an outside investor outplays them and dashes their plans. The trio attempt to regain control by kidnapping the investor's child. Starring Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis.

**"The Penguins of Madagascar":** Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private are the best covert birds in the global espionage business. The team joins forces with the undercover organization, the North Wind, to take down the villainous Dr. Octavius Brine.

## DECEMBER

**"Wild":** Author Cheryl Strayed brings her best-selling memoir to the screen in a personal story about setting out to hike more than 1,000 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail. Starring Reese Witherspoon.

**"Exodus: Gods and Kings":** Director Ridley Scott retells the biblical story of Moses (Christian Bale) as he brings 600,000 slaves out of Egypt to escape the deadly plagues and Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses (Joaquin Phoenix).

**"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies":** The adventures of Bilbo Baggins in Middle-earth conclude in epic fashion as the races of Dwarves, Elves and Men must decide whether or not to unite against forces of darkness converging at the Lonely Mountain.

**"Annie":** It's been a hard-knock life for young Annie (Quvenzhané Wallis) as she toughs out life on the streets of New York in 1914. Everything changes when she meets mayoral candidate Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx).

**"Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb":** Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) embarks on a quest to save the powers of a magical tablet.

**"Hot Tub Time Machine 2":** Two friends use a hot tub to travel back in time and accidentally end up 10 years into their future. With Craig Robinson, Clark Duke and Rob Corddry.

**"Into the Woods":** A modern twist on the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and ties together the tales of Cinderella (Anna Kendrick), Little Red Riding Hood (Lilla Crawford), Jack and the Beanstalk (Daniel Haulsteele) and Rapunzel (MacKenzie Mauzy).

**"Paddington":** A young Peruvian bear (voiced by Ben Whishaw) travels to London in search of home. He befriends the kind Brown family who offer him a temporary haven. His luck begins to change for the better until he catches the eye of a museum taxidermist.

**"The Interview":** Celebrity TV show "Skylark Tonight" is run by Dave Skylark (James Franco) and his producer, Aaron Rapoport (Seth Rogen). The duo discover a fan in North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, so they prepare to travel to Pyongyang to set up an in-person interview. With Lizzy Caplan.

From The Washington Post

# BOOKS



# The tomes of autumn

Titles by Dunham, Poehler among this fall's most anticipated books

The Sacramento Bee illustration

BY HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

So many memoirs are coming out this fall, written in so many ways.

Neil Patrick Harris, for instance, decided that his early 40s was too young for "life" story, even for a Tony- and Emmy-winning actor. So he has completed "Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Autobiography," in which Harris steps back into the second person to allow you to imagine yourself onstage, on television, or, in November 2006, on edge as you prepare to tell the world you're gay.

"I couldn't wrap my mind around a structure that made sense to me — to pass on words of wisdom or to write some salacious tell-all. My life hasn't been like that," Harris said during a recent interview.

"So I came upon this conceit of 'choose your own adventure,' to allow readers to choose which autobiography they were interested in. You can have poignancy; you can have funny remembrances, or whatever path you want to follow."

Lena Dunham of "Girls" fame has written "Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's 'Learned,'" a non-advice advice book in which she hopes that readers will know when and when not to emulate "a girl with a keen interest in having it all." Amy Poehler's "Yes Please" promises a "big juicy stew of personal stories, funny bits on sex and love and friendship and parenthood and real life advice."

Keith Richards, having taken care of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll in his million-selling "Life," turns sentimental with the picture book "Gus and Me," a tribute to his grandfather, musician Gus Dugre. Neil Young honors a favorite hobby in "Special Deluxe": cars. "Jimmy Page" is a "photographic autobiography" by the Led Zepplin guitarist. "Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story" is not entirely in his own words, alternating between first-person memories and third-person accounts by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author-journalist Rick Bragg.

Former President George W. Bush already has written a memoir, "Decision Points," so for his new book (currently untitled) he tells the story of his father, George H.W. Bush.

Fiction readers can look forward to books from Stephen King, Janet Evanovich, John Grisham and David Baldacci, among others. Anne Rice brings

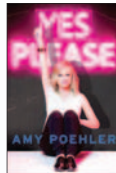


back the undead for "Prince Lestat: The Vampire Chronicles," and "Game of Thrones" author George R.R. Martin shares some of the back story in "The World of Ice & Fire: The Untold History of

Westeros and the Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire)."

Some of the top literary writers also have books out. David Mitchell of "Cloud Atlas" fame has written "The Bone Clocks," and fellow British novelist Ian McEwan's latest is "The Children Act." Denis Johnson's "The Laughing Monsters" is the author's first full-length work of fiction since "Tree of Smoke" won the National Book Award in 2008. Marilynne Robinson returns to the Iowa setting of her Pulitzer-Prize-winning "Gilead" with "Lila."

Six years ago, few noticed when Garth Stein had the bright idea to write a novel told from a dog's point of view, "The Art of Racing in the Rain." Thanks to 4 million copies sold, and more than three years on The New York Times' best-seller list, Stein should have plenty of attention for "A Sudden Light," which features a boy and a mansion.



"It's what every writer dreams of, to be talked about as much as I was for 'Racing in the Rain,'" Stein says. "But I'm a writer, and a writer's got to write, and I finally had to announce my retirement from 'Racing in the Rain.' As I said to my publisher, I have to go in the cave. Don't come in here. I'll come out of the cave when it's time."

For some books this fall, the bold-faced name isn't the author.

"The Monogram Murders" is a new mystery featuring Agatha Christie detective Hercule Poirot. Christie gets star billing on the cover, but the writer, approved by the Christie estate, is Sophie Hannah. "Robert B. Parker's Blind Spot" offers a new case to solve for baseball-star-turned-police-chief Jesse Stone, the sleuth of nine novels by Parker, who died in 2010. The author this time is Reed Farrel Coleman.

Dick Francis died in 2010, but a new thriller is called "Dick Francis's 'Damage'" in U.S. editions. The author's son, Felix Francis, wrote the novel and prefers the British title: "Damage," with FELIX FRANCIS printed above the title and "A Dick Francis Novel" at the bottom.



"It's a Dick Francis novel in that it's got horses and was written in the first person, and so the main character is both courageous and loyal," Felix Francis said.

"I like the idea that I am giving my father immortality, or perhaps I am keeping his name alive. I just hope that if it goes on, it becomes a little bit smaller and mine a little bit bigger."



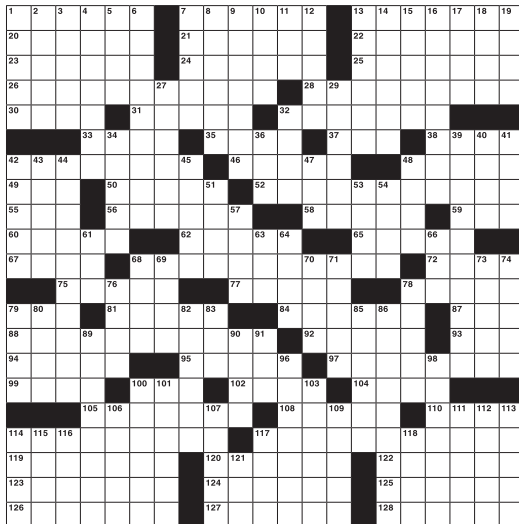
# CROSSWORD AND COMICS

## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

### CELEBRITY SPOONERISMS

BY TONY ORBACH AND PATRICK BLINDAUR / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sissy who's not a sissy  
7 Benefits  
13 Blade in the back?  
20 Lost lady in "The Raven"  
21 Refresher  
22 Cleaning aid  
23 Bid  
24 Something given when someone has been taken  
25 Tranquil  
26 Actor Michael's means of support?  
28 Comic Tina recovered from her wound?  
30 Early "Project Runway" sponsor  
31 No-see-ums  
32 Obama caricature feature  
33 Ocho \_\_\_\_ (Jamaican resort)  
35 Blood products  
37 Big name in ice cream  
38 Positive signs of life in outer space?  
42 Heir of martial artist Bruce?  
46 Tennis champ Monica Hope's director  
48 Square  
49 Hip-hop record mogul Gotti  
50 Civil rights leader Roy  
52 Annoyance for actor Colin?
- 55 Org. that takes donations for the strapped?  
56 Caroler's quaff  
58 2007 3x platinum Alicia Keys album  
59 2012 gold-medal gymnast Raisman  
60 Person whose number is up  
62 Ins.  
65 Sag  
67 Flamenco cries  
68 Thunderstruck critic's review for actor Richard?  
72 Studies: Abbr.  
75 Ball-club position  
77 Word in a Yale fight song  
78 Popular airfare comparison site  
79 Trojan's home, for short  
81 Sirs' counterparts  
84 Thriller writer DeMille  
87 The Judds, e.g.  
88 What actor Martin calls his athletic footwear?  
92 "His wife could \_\_\_\_ lean"  
93 Q.&A. part: Abbr.  
94 Branch of Islam  
95 Dental unit  
97 Urban legend about rapper Kanye?  
99 "The Great White Hope" director Martin  
100 It came down in 2001  
102 Out of the wind  
104 Bring down, in England  
105 "Me, me, me" sort
- 108 Cleaning aid since 1889  
110 Aquatic organism  
114 Musician David's equestrian accoutrements?  
117 Tart cocktail named for comic Amy?  
119 Components for wireless networks  
120 Philippine province with a repetitive name  
122 "Good riddance!"  
123 Suspected cause of Napoleon's death  
124 Subject of a Scottish mystery, informally  
125 Not totally against  
126 Aces the test  
127 Some mounts  
128 Ol' giant based in Memphis
- DOWN**
- 1 Piece of cake  
2 Kind of code  
3 Rural block  
4 Creative word people  
5 Folies-Bergère costume designer  
6 "Don't stop!"  
7 Speedy Northeast conveyance  
8 Leaps  
9 They go around the world  
10 "\_\_\_\_ out?" (question to a pet)  
11 Fail to keep up  
12 Ian Fleming genre  
13 Influenced  
14 Polo grounds?  
15 In accordance with
- 16 Partridge family member  
17 Russia's \_\_\_\_ Airlines  
18 Teddy material  
19 Kept underground, maybe  
27 One way to break out  
29 Casts out  
32 "Eat, Pray, Love" setting  
34 More slick, in a way  
36 Call  
39 "Praise the Lord!"  
40 German city on the Baltic  
41 Surprisingly agile  
42 Jargon  
43 "The Fog of War" director Morris  
44 Ephemeral  
45 San Francisco grider  
47 Time piece  
48 Man, in Milan  
51 Foot-loose part  
53 Stay out of sight  
54 Set on a cellphone  
57 Bandmate Barry, Maurice or Robin  
61 Get-out-of-full-section button  
63 As well  
64 Dr. \_\_\_\_ Spengler ("Ghostbusters" role)  
66 \_\_\_\_ pro nobis  
68 Some chip dip, informally  
69 List abbr.  
70 Elation  
71 Old NBC drama  
73 Heckle  
74 Little bit  
76 Bygone Dodge



- 78 Clove hitch and sheepshank  
79 Boycott of the '84 L.A. Olympics  
80 Feng \_\_\_\_  
82 Not in pounds, say  
83 \_\_\_\_ Paulo  
85 Organic compound  
86 Tempting words for shopaholics  
89 Accords  
90 Impeccably
- 91 Home to the Blues and once the Browns: Abbr.  
96 Noted hint giver  
98 German \_\_\_\_  
100 Advil competitor  
101 Lake that's the source of the Mississippi  
103 Lens cover
- 106 Davis of "Commander in Chief"  
107 One side in a pickup basketball game  
109 Department store section  
111 Nut jobs  
112 Verve  
113 Burning desire?
- 114 What 105-Acrosses do  
115 Days gone by  
116 "Too much rest is \_\_\_\_"; Sir Walter Scott  
117 Sit to be shot  
118 Tug-of-war need  
121 Call from the sidelines

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## RESULTS FOR ABOVE PUZZLE



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## GADGETS &amp; CHARTS

## For gamers, waiting is hardest part

By DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

When it comes to video games, are they better late than never?

At this week's GameStop Expo, the video game retailer's annual consumer-centric event, more than 3,000 attendees had the chance to test drive highly anticipated titles like "Evolve," "Dying Light" and "Battlefield Hardline" in the halls of the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center. However, it's probably the last time this year that gamers will be able to play those particular titles.

That's because they're among the growing list of games initially set to be released in 2014 that have been delayed until 2015. The publishers behind the monster fighter "Evolve," zombie survival adventure "Dying Light" and cops-and-robbers "Battlefield Hardline" each postponed their release dates so developers had more time to tweak the titles.

It's a frustrating trend that's prompting many players to be among the least fun game of all: The Waiting Game.

"Oh, it sucks," said Dan Adams, an expo attendee who came to preview games like "Far Cry 4" and "Call of Duty" on the show floor. "I know games are delayed to make them better, but it definitely feels like it's happening more often these days. It really messes with your expectations when you think you know when a game is coming out, and then — boom — it's next year."

Other games previously set for release this year that have been pushed to 2015 include the on-line apocalyptic shooter "Tom Clancy's The Division," the Dark Knight sequel "Batman: Arkham Knight," the supernatural historical adventure "The Order: 1886," the sprawling role-playing sequel "The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt" and the open-world movie adaptation "Mad Max."

Deciding to delay is as much a business decision as it is a creative one.

While setting a release date helps to build hype for a game, if it



Joe C. Hong/AP

**A monster character from the video game "Evolve" greets gamers at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, in Los Angeles in June. "Evolve" is among a growing list of games initially set for release in 2014 but delayed until 2015.**

comes out on time but doesn't meet gamers' expectations, there's less chance a publisher will greenlight a sequel. Historically, consumers are forgiving of most overdue games. For instance, the fourth-month delay of last year's "Grand Theft Auto V" hardly seemed to impact sales.

That's likely to be true for the latest batch of tardy titles, which also aren't expected to affect the sales of the newer PlayStation 4 and Xbox One consoles. In fact, pushing games like "Evolve" to Feb. 10 and "Batman: Arkham Knight" to June 5 might actually boost the bottom line for publishers like 2K Games and Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment.

"I don't think any of the delayed games are system sellers, so I don't really think it makes a lot of difference," said Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Morgan. "The games coming out will benefit from lower competition, and the delays smooth out the release calendar, so they'll probably create an opportunity for greater success all around."

It also means newcomers like "Evolve," "The Order" and "Division" won't have to compete with the latest editions of long-running series, such as military shooter "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare," fantasy epic "Dragon Age: Inquisition," shoot-'em-up "Far Cry 4" and French Revolution-set "Assassin's Creed: Unity." They're still on track to come out in 2014 — well, for now.

## GADGET WATCH



**The iStabilizer Monopod and Shutter Remote Bundle help you include your subjects and more of the environment around you.**

iSTABILIZER.COM/MCT

## iStabilizer gives more reach for your selfie

By GREGG ELLMAN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

The iStabilizer Monopod and Shutter Remote Bundle are the perfect solution to make selfie photos much more appealing because they let you include your subjects and more of the environment around you.

The iStabilizer (one foot long when collapsed) attaches to a camera at one end and extends over three feet, giving your camera far more reach for that coveted selfie. It's compatible with most smart phones and other action cameras including iPhones, Androids, Blackberrys and GoPros.

But the key to the system is the handheld wireless Shutter Remote. The remote connects to your device with Bluetooth and fires with your camera app or "any other app that uses the volume button to trigger the shutter," according to the company.

I fired it up with an iPhone 5s without any problem. Since it relies on Bluetooth, the remote can be about 35 feet from the camera if you're using another device to keep in it place.

The remote also works with Apple computers (Macbook, iMac, Mac Mini) for snapping photos, music selections, volume and even to talk to Siri.

Online: iStabilizer.com; \$59.95 for the Bundle includes the remote and monopod.

**The Mosthi Digits** might appear to be just gloves at first glance. They are that — and a lot more.

Winter isn't far off, so it's the right time to be looking for a product such as these dual-layered gloves. They're ideal for keeping your hands warm while giving you a touch-screen connection on your smartphone and tablets.

What makes them work is conductive fiber built into all 10 fingertips, which enable your fingers to work on the screen.

There's also a soft micro-fleece lining to keep your hands warm, and the GripTrak pattern in the palm area keeps your device firmly in your grip, even in the cold.

moshi.com, \$29.95

**The Syncable-Duo charge and sync cable** by TYLT is an incredibly useful one-in-two item.

There's a Lighting connection plug, which plugs into the microUSB end and make it one cable. When you want the microUSB end, just use it as is. But when you want the Lighting end, pull off the microUSB tip to expose it. When the microUSB isn't being used, it remains attached to the cable so won't get lost.

tylt.com, \$24.99-\$29.99, depending on length

**The new iLuv TimeShaker Micro** is designed to give you a little nudge when your alarm goes off.

It has all the expected features of a night stand alarm clock including multiple alarm options, FM radio and Bluetooth for connecting other devices.

The main feature is the shaker, which goes under a pillow to give you a shake when your alarm goes off.

If you're anything like me, you could sleep through any audible alarm, but the shaker is another story. It also makes a great alarm for the hearing-impaired.

If you don't want your alarm to wake anyone else sleeping close by, the alarm can be set for shake only.

Inside the night stand-sized sound system is a pair of stereo speakers and a big, bright (adjustable with 10 levels) LCD display for the time.

There's also a line in for non-Bluetooth devices and a USB port to charge smartphones and tablets.

Online: iLuv.com, \$49.99

## iTUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Sept. 17:

- "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Gonna Know We," Jason Aldean
- "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "Sun Daze," Florida Georgia Line
- "Here We Go," Alex & Sierra
- "Rathor Be (featuring Jess Glynne)," Clean Bandit
- "Burnin' It Down," Jason Aldean
- "Habits (Stay High)," Tove Lo
- "Chandelier," Sia

— Compiled by MCT

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify for Sept. 8-15:

- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Break Free," Ariana Grande
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
- "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "Black Widow," Iggy Azalea
- "Blame," Calvin Harris
- "Chandelier," Sia
- "Amaro," Nicki Minaj
- "Rude," MAGIC!
- "Maps," Maroon 5

— From The Associated Press

## iTUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Sept. 17:

- "Transformers: Age of Extinction"
- "Godzilla"
- "The Fault in Our Stars"
- "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
- "Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow"
- "Fed Up"
- "Chef"
- "The Lunchbox"
- "Blended"
- "Draft Day"

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## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 hand-held games for September:

- "Shovel Knight," 3DS
- "Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney," 3DS
- "Danganronpa 2: Goodbye Despair," Vita
- "Metroid," Vita
- "The Swapper," Vita
- "Velocity 2X," Vita
- "Kirby: Triple Deluxe," 3DS
- "Mario Golf: World Tour," 3DS
- "Borderlands 2," Vita
- "Tomodachi Life," 3DS

— Compiled by MCT

## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Sept. 17:

ANDROID

- Five Nights at Freddy's
- DRAGON QUEST
- The Walking Dead Pinball
- WiFi Solver FTD
- Block Fortress

Top 5 paid apps for Sept. 17:

APPLE

- Five Nights at Freddy's
- Minecraft — Pocket Edition
- Goblin Sword
- Sleep Cycle alarm clock
- Aterlight

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# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



## STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

- 2014 VFW News Media Award – For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.
- 2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest – Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"
- 2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)
- 2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention  
Stripes UK website

- 2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts
- 2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those I love I will sacrifice"
- 2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

- 2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

- 2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)
- 2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Barton
- 2009 min Editorial & Design Awards – Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009; Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

- 2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Monte Morin

- 2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman
- 2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipients: Steve Lewis Photography; Terry Boyd
- 2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series
- 2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist



# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Alibaba surges in its Wall Street debut

By MAE ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alibaba's stock soared as the Chinese e-commerce powerhouse began its first day trading as a public company Friday.

The stock opened at \$92.70 and nearly hit \$100 on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, a gain of 46 percent from the initial \$68 per share price set Thursday evening.

At Friday's opening price, the company is worth \$228.5 billion, more than companies such as Amazon, eBay and even Facebook.

Jubilant CEO Jack Ma stood on the NYSE trading floor Friday as eight Alibaba customers, including an American cherry farmer and a Chinese Olympian, rang the opening bell.

"We want to be bigger than Wal-Mart," Ma told CNBC shortly after the opening bell. "We hope in 15 years people say this is a company like Microsoft, IBM,

Wal-Mart, they changed, shaped the world."

On Thursday, Alibaba and the investment bankers arranging the initial public offering settled on a price of \$68 per share. The company and its early investors raised \$21.8 billion in the offering, which valued Alibaba at \$168 billion in one of the world's biggest recent initial public offerings.

But after a two-hour trading delay due to strong demand, it opened much higher than that price.

The company, which is trading under the symbol "BABA," has enjoyed a surge in U.S. popularity over the past two weeks as investors met with executives, including Ma. As part of the so-called road show, would-be investors heard a sales pitch that centered on Alibaba's strong revenue growth and seemingly endless possibilities for expansion. Demand was so high that the company raised its offering price to \$66 to \$68 per share from \$60 to

\$66 per share on Monday.

The main reason investors appear breathless about the 15-year old Alibaba: It offers an investment vehicle that taps into China's burgeoning middle-class.

Alibaba's Taobao, Tmall and other platforms account for some 80 percent of Chinese online commerce. Most of Alibaba's 279 million active buyers visit the sites at least once a month on smartphones and other mobile devices, making the company attractive to investors as computing shifts away from laptop and desktop machines.

And the growth rate is not expected to mature anytime soon. Online spending by Chinese shoppers is forecast to triple from its 2011 size by 2015. Beyond that, Alibaba has said it plans to expand into emerging markets and eventually, Europe and the U.S.

"There are very few companies that are this big, grow this fast, and are this profitable," said Wedbush analyst Gil Luria.

Alibaba operates an online ecosystem that lets individuals and small businesses buy and sell. It doesn't directly sell anything, compete with its merchants, or hold inventory.

"The business model is really interesting. It's not just an eBay, it's not an Amazon, it's not a PayPal. It's all of that and much more," said Reena Aggarwal, a professor at Georgetown.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 22)	\$1.3208
Dollar buys (Sept. 22)	€0.5952
British pound (Sept. 22)	\$1.6168
Japanese yen (Sept. 22)	106.00
South Korean won (Sept. 22)	1,019.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
Brazil (Real)	\$1.6311
Canada (Dollar)	1.0958
China (Yuan)	6.1408
Denmark (Krone)	6.7984
China (Yuan)	7.1525
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2836/7.750
Hungary (Forint)	242.55
Israel (Sheqel)	3.6560
Japan (Yen)	108.95
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2875
Norway (Krone)	6.3519
Philippines (Peso)	44.50
Poland (Zloty)	3.26
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7596
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2661
South Korea (Won)	1,041.41
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9405
Thailand (Baht)	32.20
Turkey (Lira)	2.2337

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., those for British pounds in Germany, which with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one U.S. dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## MARKET WATCH

Sept. 19, 2014

Dow Jones	13.75
Industrials	17,279.74
Nasdaq composite	-13.64
	4,579.79
Standard & Poor's 500	-0.96
	2,010.40
Russell 2000	-12.36
	1,146.92

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.29

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Akron, Ohio	76	49	Rain	Chicago	65	49	Rain	Chicago	65	49	Rain	Chicago	65	49	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	77	60	Clcy	Cincinnati	78	49	PCldy	Cincinnati	78	49	PCldy	Cincinnati	78	49	PCldy
Albuquerque	80	62	Clcy	Cleveland	75	51	Rain	Cleveland	75	51	Rain	Cleveland	75	51	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	80	58	Clcy	Colorado Springs	70	52	Clcy	Colorado Springs	70	52	Clcy	Colorado Springs	70	52	Clcy
Amarillo	80	59	Clcy	Columbia, S.C.	88	65	Clcy	Columbia, S.C.	88	65	Clcy	Columbia, S.C.	88	65	Clcy
Anchorage	53	41	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	88	67	Clcy	Columbus, Ga.	88	67	Clcy	Columbus, Ga.	88	67	Clcy
Asheville	79	55	Clcy	Columbus, Ohio	77	51	Clcy	Columbus, Ohio	77	51	Clcy	Columbus, Ohio	77	51	Clcy
Atlanta	85	66	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy
Atlantic City	83	62	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	79	57	Clcy
Austin	89	68	PCldy	Corpus Christi	89	75	PCldy	Corpus Christi	89	75	PCldy	Corpus Christi	89	75	PCldy
Baltimore	84	60	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	91	72	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	91	72	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	91	72	PCldy
Baton Rouge	90	68	Clcy	Dayton	75	47	PCldy	Dayton	75	47	PCldy	Dayton	75	47	PCldy
Bilings	75	52	Clcy	Daytona Beach	86	73	Clcy	Daytona Beach	86	73	Clcy	Daytona Beach	86	73	Clcy
Birmingham	88	61	Clcy	Denver	72	54	Clcy	Denver	72	54	Clcy	Denver	72	54	Clcy
Bismarck	86	45	Clcy	Des Moines	71	47	Clcy	Des Moines	71	47	Clcy	Des Moines	71	47	Clcy
Boise	84	59	PCldy	Detroit	71	48	Rain	Detroit	71	48	Rain	Detroit	71	48	Rain
Boston	78	65	Clcy	Duluth	66	46	Clcy	Duluth	66	46	Clcy	Duluth	66	46	Clcy
Bridgeport	80	63	Clcy	El Paso	84	67	Clcy	El Paso	84	67	Clcy	El Paso	84	67	Clcy
Brownsville	90	78	Rain	Elkins	77	51	Rain	Elkins	77	51	Rain	Elkins	77	51	Rain
Buffalo	72	52	Clcy	Erie	77	54	Rain	Erie	77	54	Rain	Erie	77	54	Rain
Burlington, Vt.	70	50	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy
Caribou, Maine	70	50	Clcy	Fairbanks	50	33	Clcy	Fairbanks	50	33	Clcy	Fairbanks	50	33	Clcy
Charleston, S.C.	88	67	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy	Fargo	68	47	Clcy
Charleston, W.Va.	81	55	Rain	Flagstaff	71	44	PCldy	Flagstaff	71	44	PCldy	Flagstaff	71	44	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	84	63	Clcy	Fort Smith	66	43	Rain	Fort Smith	66	43	Rain	Fort Smith	66	43	Rain
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National temperature extremes  
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Browns' Gordon has suspension reduced

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Josh Gordon's tangled ordeal, full of legal twists and turns, has finally been straightened out.

He can run a route back to the Browns this season.

Cleveland's star wide receiver was reinstated into the NFL and had his one-year suspension reduced to 10 games Friday after the league announced changes to its drug policy. The decision ends months of personal torment for the Pro Bowler, who had been banned for repeated drug violations.

Gordon will be eligible to play in Cleveland's final six games after the league and NFL Players Association agreed on revisions to the substance abuse program two days after announcing changes on performance enhancing drugs.

"I'm happy that the NFLPA and NFL worked hard to agree on a new substance of abuse policy," Gordon said in a statement. "I'm very thankful to my union for fighting for a significant reduction in my suspension. I'm glad I can go to the facility during my suspension. I look forward to going to meetings, working out individually, and learning from my coaches and teammates. I can't wait until game 11 to get back on the field!"

Because he has already served two games of the suspension, Gordon will be eligible to play Nov. 23 when the Browns visit Atlanta.

In other NFL news:

■ New York Jets defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson was fined \$20,000 by the NFL on Friday for unnecessary roughness — throwing punches — in a fight that resulted in him being ejected against the Green Bay Packers.

Packers tight end Andrew Quarless was also docked \$8,268 for unnecessary roughness after he ripped off Richardson's helmet during the showing match.

San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick was fined \$11,025 for using "inappropriate



TONY DEJAK/AP

**Under the NFL's new drug policy, Cleveland wide receiver Josh Gordon had his one-year suspension reduced to 10 games Friday.**

language" after a play against Chicago last Sunday night.

St. Louis linebacker Jo-Lonn Dunbar was fined \$16,537 for a hit on Tampa Bay quarterback Josh McCown. Giants linebacker Jameel McClain was docked \$8,268 for a late hit on Arizona quarterback Drew Stanton.

■ Authorities in Minnesota filed a petition Friday seeking a protective order for the 4-year-old son of Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

In the petition, Hennepin County Human Services asked a judge to block Peterson from using corporal punishment or physical discipline on the boy. It also would block unauthorized or unsupervised contact, and require Peterson to complete a parenting assessment.

## Flexible rules could put baseball in Olympics

INCHEON, South Korea — The adoption of a more flexible approach to the Olympic program could allow for the return of baseball and other sports that have

been dropped from the games, International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said Saturday.

Asked on the sidelines of meetings at the Asian Games, Bach declined to comment specifically on baseball's suitability for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. The sport is hugely popular in Japan, as well as in Taiwan and South Korea, adding momentum to the drive to have it reinstated.

However, Bach said that an IOC vote in December on rules for including new sports could open the way for further talks on the subject. He advocates changing the rules to make it easier to drop and add sports in order to increase the variety and appeal of the Olympics.

"We have to discuss about the procedures first, how we can make the composition of the program more flexible, and afterward we can discuss about individual sports and disciplines. But first we have to win the votes in December," Bach said.

Baseball and softball appeared in the Olympics from 1992 to

2008, but IOC members voted in 2005 to drop them from the program — the first sports to be excluded since polo in 1936. That decision affected about 300 athletes, half of them women.

The sports were eventually replaced by golf and rugby sevens, both of which will join the program at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

## Twins' Perkins shut down for rest of season

MINNEAPOLIS — All-Star closer Glen Perkins is being shut down for the season by the Minnesota Twins because of a strain and secondary nerve irritation in his left forearm.

The Twins made the announcement on Friday.

Perkins, a Minnesota native who signed a four-year, \$22 million contract extension in March, had 34 saves in 41 chances. He blew three of his last five and posted an ERA of 14.21 ERA.

Twins medical director Dr. John Steubs said Perkins has been bothered by a similar injury at the end of each of the last two seasons, but pitched through it.

## Reto shoots 66, leads LPGA Classic by 3 shots

PRATTVILLE, Ala. — South Africa's Paula Reto birdied her final hole Friday for a 6-under 66 and a three-stroke lead in the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic.

Reto had five birdies in a six-hole stretch on her opening nine — the back nine on Capitol Hill's Senator layout. The 24-year-old finished with eight birdies and two bogeys to reach 13-under 131.

South Korea's Mi Jung Hur, tied for the first-round lead with top-ranked Stacy Lewis at 64, was second after a 70. Lewis, the 2012 winner in the event that was dropped from the schedule last year after losing its title sponsor, was third at 9 under after a 71.

In other golf news:

■ Tom Pernice Jr. birdied his final four holes for a 12-under 60 and a four-stroke lead Friday in the Champions Tour's Hawaii Championship in Kapolei, Hawaii.

Pernice finished a stroke off the tour record of 59 set by Kevin Sutherland last month in the Dick's Sporting Goods Open in Endicott, New York.

Michael Allen was second after a 64.

Joey Sindelar and Scott Dunlap shot 65, and Jay Haas, Vijay Singh, Paul Goydos, Jim Carter and Mike Goodes followed at 66.

## Real Salt Lake eases past Colorado, 5-1

SANDY, Utah — Joao Plata scored the first of Real Salt Lake's four goals in a 13-minute span in a 5-1 victory over the Colorado Rapids 5-1 on Friday night.

Salt Lake (13-6-10) swept the three-game series with Colorado (8-14-7) to earn the Rocky Mountain Cup trophy.

Salt Lake trailed 1-0, but responded with three goals in five minutes.

## Hamilton beats Rosberg to Singapore pole

SINGAPORE — Lewis Hamilton has claimed pole position for the Singapore Grand Prix by out-qualifying his Mercedes teammate and title rival Nico Rosberg by a mere seven thousandths of a second on Saturday.

Hamilton claimed his sixth pole of the season and it will be a critical one on a tight and twisty Marina Bay circuit which provides few passing opportunities.

Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo, who is the only threat to the Mercedes pair for the Formula One championship, qualified third ahead of his teammate and three-time defending Singapore champion Sebastian Vettel.

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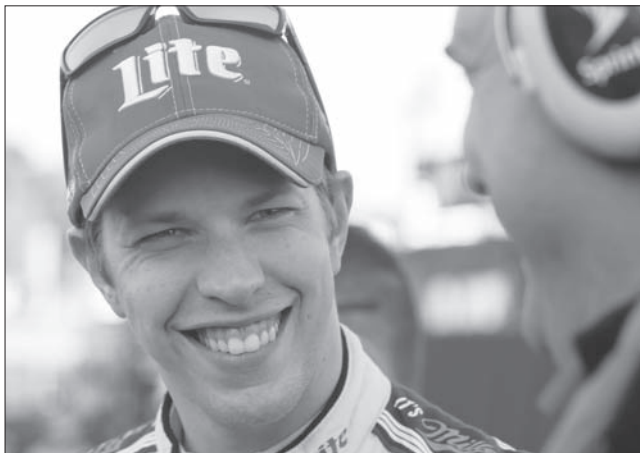
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# NASCAR/MLB



JIM COLE/AP

Brad Keselowski smiles after winning the pole position during qualifying for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Friday in Loudon, N.H. Keselowski also had the pole position before his Chase for the championship-opening victory at Richmond last week.

## Keselowski on top again

Chase leader will start at front of pack for 2nd week in a row after setting new track record in qualifying

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Brad Keselowski will start the second race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship the way he ended the first one — out front.

Keselowski turned a track-record lap of 140.598 mph Friday to win the pole at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Keselowski is coming off consecutive victories at Richmond and the Chase for the Sprint Cup opener last week at Chicagoland. He swept the Cup and Nationwide races at New Hampshire in July.

The Team Penske driver has five poles this season and leads the series with five victories. He has eight poles in 189 career Sprint Cup starts.

"This kind of track is kind of right in my wheelhouse, right in our team's wheelhouse," Keselowski said. "We had this race circled before the Chase started and we felt decent about Chicago, but really felt like this was a race of emphasis for us to get a win and get out of the first bracket."

Jamie McMurray, a non-Chase driver, was second. Chase drivers took the next seven spots. Kevin Harvick was third, followed by Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano, Carl Edwards and Ryan Newman.

Chase drivers Ryan Newman, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon took 11th to 13th. Kurt Busch is 15th, Matt Kenseth 16th and

### By the numbers

**140.598**

Keselowski's top speed in his pole position-winning qualifying run, a new track record at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

**5**

Poles won by Penske driver Brad Keselowski this season. He has a total of eight poles in 189 career Sprint Cup starts.

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Races won by Keselowski this season, the most of any Sprint Cup driver.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Kasey Kahne 17th. Aric Almirola starts 22nd and Greg Biffle had the worst qualifying effort of

any Chase driver and will start 26th.

Tony Stewart will start 28th in the No. 14 Chevrolet, his second-worst qualifying run of the season. Stewart was in the car for the first time since he learned a grand jury will decide his fate in the fatal sprint car crash in upstate New York.

Kyle Larson was 10th and was the fastest qualifying rookie.

"I don't think anybody has anything for Brad right now," Larson said. "It's pretty amazing how fast he is everywhere."

Keselowski is trying to become the first driver to repeat at New Hampshire since Kurt Busch in 2004 and would end a streak of 13 different winners in the last 13 races at NHMS. Keselowski has four (Phoenix, Dover, Kentucky) of the 19 track records set this season.

Keselowski's win in the Chase opener guaranteed him a spot in the next round of the Chase. Under NASCAR's elimination format, four drivers will be knocked out after every third race. Keselowski is the top seed in the 16-driver field.

Keselowski might be the No. 1 seed, but he knows an upset can always rattle the bracket.

"It's positive momentum," he said, "but when it resets it resets and nothing that you've done in the past really matters as long as you're eligible for the bracket. I'm a long, long ways from using the word favorite or feeling overly confident."

## Dodgers' LHP Ryu rehabbing with eye on playoff return

By JAY COHEN  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hyun-Jin Ryu is trying to get back on the mound as soon as possible.

If that happens to be in a play-off game for the Los Angeles Dodgers, so be it.

Ryu had a cortisone shot on Monday to address inflammation in his shoulder and hopes to begin a throwing program this weekend. The 27-year-old left-hander was removed from his start last Friday at San Francisco after just one inning.

"I feel a lot better than when I first felt the pain, obviously," Ryu said before Los Angeles' 14-5 victory at the Chicago Cubs on Friday. "Just preparing to come back soon, this is my goal."

"I've been working out obviously without throwing and hurting my shoulder even further. But right now, this is the direction and I can't really say when I foresee myself to come back."

Ryu is a key part of the rotation for Los Angeles, which is looking for its second straight NL West title. Entering Friday's game at the Cubs, the Dodgers had a 2½-game lead over second-place San Francisco.

Los Angeles clinched a playoff spot when Milwaukee lost 4-2 at

Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Ryu is 14-7 with a 3.38 ERA in 26 starts after he won 14 games in his first season a year ago.

Manager

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Hyun-Jin Ryu  
Dodgers' pitcher

any game," he said through a translator.

Ryu also went on the disabled list in May with shoulder inflammation, but he thinks he will be able to return more quickly this time because of the shot. Ryu's simple delivery also could accelerate his return to the mound.

"That makes me feel a little better. Once he doesn't feel pain and starts throwing, he's pretty much ready," Mattingly said.



D. ROSS CAMERON, BAY AREA NEWS GROUP/MCT

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu delivers against the San Francisco Giants in the fourth inning on July 27 at AT&T Park in San Francisco.



## ALB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East	West	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	92	61	601		
New York	74	76	513		
Tampa Bay	77	76	503	15	
Boston	74	80	488	18 1/2	
Chicago	69	85	459	23	
Minnesota	66	87	431	19	
Central Division					
St. Louis	83	69	556	-	
Kansas City	83	69	546	1 1/2	
Chicago	70	75	519	10 1/2	
Minnesota	66	87	431	19	
West Division					
Los Angeles	95	59	617		
Seattle	83	70	542	11 1/2	
San Diego	81	72	435	23	
Texas	61	92	339	33 1/2	

## National League

East	West	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	74	68	582		
Atlanta	76	77	497	13	
Miami	79	79	484	15	
New York	74	74	474	15 1/2	
Philadelphia	70	84	455	19 1/2	
St. Louis	86	68	558	-	
Pittsburgh	74	78	542	12 1/2	
San Diego	79	75	513	7	
Philadelphia	71	83	461	15	
Atlanta	68	84	442	18	
West Division					
Los Angeles	89	68	571	-	
San Francisco	84	69	549	3 1/2	
San Diego	74	74	474	15 1/2	
Colorado	63	91	409	25	
Arizona	62	92	403	26	

Reached playoff berth  
x-chinched division

## Friday's Games

Boston 5, Baltimore 3, 10 innings  
Chicago 13, Toronto 11  
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3  
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4, 10 innings  
Detroit 10, Kansas City 9  
Seattle 10, Houston 5  
Texas 12, Los Angeles 3

## Saturday's Games

LA Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 5  
Washington 4, Milwaukee 2  
Wrestlers 3, Miami 2  
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 0  
Colorado 15, Arizona 3  
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 1  
San Diego 1, Philadelphia 1  
San Diego 5, San Francisco 0

## Sunday's Games

Toronto 10, Houston 10  
Detroit 10, Kansas City 9  
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3  
Seattle 4, Houston 1  
LA Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 5  
Philadelphia 4, Oakland 2  
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## Dodgers 14, Cubs 5

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## Calendar

**Sept. 30** — Postseason begins.  
**Oct. 21** — World Series begins, city of American League champion.  
**November TBA** — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.  
**November TBA** — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.  
**Nov. 10-12** — General managers' meetings, Phoenix.  
**Dec. 2** — Last day for teams to offer 2015 contracts to unsigned players.  
**Dec. 8-11** — Winter meetings, San Diego.  
**Dec. 8** — Hall of Fame golden era (1947-72) vote announced, San Diego.  
**2015**  
**Jan. 13** — Salary arbitration filing.  
**Jan. 16** — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.  
**Feb. 19** — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.  
**Feb. 24** — Voluntary arbitration hearings, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
**Feb. 24** — Voluntary reporting date for other teams' other players.  
**March 3** — Mandatory reporting date.  
**March 18** — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

## Roundup

## Kershaw earns 20th win as Dodgers whip Cubs



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

**Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw delivers during the fifth inning of Friday's game against the Cubs. Kershaw earned his 20th victory this season.**

The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** — Clayton Kershaw became Major League Baseball's first 20-game winner and A.J. Ellis hit a pair of two-run homers, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 14-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Friday.

Kershaw (20-3) pitched five shaky innings in his shortest start in 3½ months, but the National League West-leading Dodgers roughed up Edwin Jackson on their way to a 13-hit attack that included four homers. Matt Kemp hit a three-run shot in Los Angeles' six-run first, and Yasiel Puig added another three-run homer in the sixth.

The Dodgers improved baseball's best record to 48-31 and clinched a post-season berth when Milwaukee lost at Pittsburgh.

Jackson (6-15) recorded just two outs in his first appearance since he was placed on the disabled list last month with a right lat strain. He was charged with four hits and five runs in his fourth consecutive loss.

Kershaw struck out nine in his sixth consecutive win. The left-hander is 17-1 with a 1.39 ERA in his last 20 starts. He had pitched at least eight innings in each of his previous seven outings.

**Athletics 3, Phillies 1:** Coco Crisp had two hits and drove in a run, supporting another strong outing from Jon Lester, as host Oakland defeated Philadelphia to regain the top spot in the chase for AL wild cards.

Derek Norris and Eric Sogard also drove in runs for Oakland, which moved a half-game ahead of Kansas City.

**Padres 5, Giants 0:** Tim Hudson allowed four runs in the first inning, and his team was held to three hits in a loss to San Diego that dropped visiting San Francisco 3½ games behind Los Angeles in the NL West race.

The Giants' magic number to clinch a wild-card spot dropped to four.

**Cardinals 2, Reds 1:** John Lackey powered back into the postseason rotation picture with 7½ dominant innings, and Randal Grichuk and Matt Holliday hit consecutive homers in the first inning of host St. Louis' victory over Cincinnati.

The NL Central leaders had only five hits but maintained a 2½-game lead over Pittsburgh with eight games remaining. Their magic number is seven for clinching a second straight division title and two over third-place Milwaukee for securing a fourth straight postseason berth.

**Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3:** Jacoby Ellsbury, Derek Jeter and host New York kept Mark Buehrle winless against them for more than a decade, sending Toronto to its season-worst sixth straight loss.

**Mets 5, Braves 0:** Lucas Duda hit a two-run homer and Zack Wheeler pitched six scoreless innings as visiting New York beat struggling Atlanta, but was eliminated from playoff contention.

Atlanta, which dropped seven games behind Pittsburgh in the NL wild-card race,

can be eliminated with any combination of three Pirates wins or Braves losses.

**Rangers 12, Angels 3:** Ryan Rua had four hits and Jake Smolinski homered as visiting Texas beat playoff-bound Los Angeles for its seventh straight victory.

**Red Sox 5, Orioles 3 (10):** David Ortiz hit two home runs, including a two-run drive in the 10th inning that lifted visiting Boston past AL East champion Baltimore.

**Nationals 3, Marlins 2:** Adam LaRoche hit an early two-run homer to support Doug Fister and lead NL-leading Washington over Miami.

The NL East-champion Nationals lead the Dodgers by 1½ games for the best record in the league.

**White Sox 4, Rays 3:** Jose Quintana pitched into the eighth inning, and Avisail Garcia had a two-run double to help visiting Chicago eliminate Tampa Bay from playoff contention.

**Rockies 15, Diamondbacks 3:** Michael Cuddyer hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high seven runs, leading host Colorado over Arizona.

**Twins 5, Indians 4 (10):** Trevor Plouffe singled in Danny Santana in the 10th inning to give host Minnesota a comeback victory that further damaged Cleveland's already slim playoff hopes.

**Mariners 10, Astros 5:** Dustin Ackley hit two solo homers, and Mike Zunino and Kyle Seager each hit three-run shots in a seven-run fourth inning as visiting Seattle cruised past Houston.

## Tigers pad lead in AL Central

By Dave Skretta

The Associated Press

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — The Detroit Tigers insisted that they weren't trying to make a statement.

They accomplished it anyway. Ian Kinsler hit a two-run homer, everyone in the Detroit starting lineup had a hit by the fourth inning and the Tigers pounded Jason Vargas and the second-place Kansas City Royals 10-1 on Friday night to add another game to their AL Central lead.

The Tigers (85-68), who now lead the division by 1½ games, have forged their advantage by dominating head-to-head matchups. They are 12-5 against the Royals this season.

"We just went out there and did what we're capable of doing," Tigers outfielder Torii Hunter said. "But there are no statements. Our intent is just to play the game."

Justin Verlander (14-12) had all the support he needed by the end of the first inning, when the Tigers had shelved Vargas (11-10) for three runs on five hits. Detroit tacked on a run in the second, another in the fourth and then broke things open with a five-run fifth.

Last amid the offensive onslaught was a fine performance by Verlander, who had struggled his last three times out. The 2011 Cy Young winner allowed one run on seven hits in 7½ innings.

"He certainly seemed like he was up for this game," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "It was there up there with one of the best games he's had all season."



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

**The Tigers' James McCann (34) beats the tag by Royals second baseman Omar Infante to steal second during the fourth inning of Friday's game in Kansas City, Mo. Detroit won 10-1.**

NFL



JASON DE CROW/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell speaks during a news conference on Friday in New York. Goodell says the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl. The league has faced increasing criticism that it has not acted quickly or emphatically enough concerning the domestic abuse cases.

# Goodell admits mistakes made

Commissioner short on specifics during press conference

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — More defiant than contrite, Roger Goodell announced no sweeping changes in his first public statements in more than a week of turmoil surrounding the NFL's handling of players accused of crimes.

The commissioner was definitive about one thing: He has not considered resigning.

Goodell was short on specifics Friday as he discussed how he would address the rash of domestic violence incidents in the league. He said the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl.

"Unfortunately, over the past several weeks, we have seen all too much of the NFL doing wrong," he said in his opening statement. "That starts with me."

The league has faced increasing criticism that it has not acted quickly or emphatically enough. The commissioner reiterated that he botched the handling of the Ray Rice case.

"The same mistakes can never be repeated," he said.

Goodell said he would meet with NFL Players Association chief DeMaurice Smith next week, and they would work with outside experts to evaluate the league's policies.

"Nothing is off the table," he said.

## Report: Ravens knew details in Rice case

By SAM FARMER  
Los Angeles Times

The Baltimore Ravens knew almost immediately that running back Ray Rice had punched his fiancée in the face inside a casino elevator, but hid that information for months, according to an investigative report published Friday by ESPN's "Outside the Lines."

According to the 7,000-word story, Ravens director of security Darren Sanders received a detailed description of what happened in the elevator from an Atlantic City police officer within hours of the February incident.

"Sanders quickly relayed the damning video's play-by-play to team executives in Baltimore, unknowingly starting a seven-month odyssey that has mushroomed into the biggest crisis confronting a commissioner in the NFL's 95-year history," according to the story, written by Don Van Natta Jr. and Kevin Van Valkenburg.

Citing more than 20 unnamed sources — among them team officials, current and former league officials, NFL Players Association representatives and associates, advisers and friends of Rice — ESPN said Ravens President Dick Cass never requested to see the video, which was in the possession of Rice's attorney. Instead, the story says,



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

A worker folds up a jersey of former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice that a fan traded in on Friday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

the Ravens focused on making sure the footage never became public.

The story alleges the Ravens preserved NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to go easy on Rice, giving him no more than a two-game suspension, the penalty the player originally received. ESPN said Ravens executives also pushed for prosecutors to place Rice in the state's pretrial intervention program, resulting in the charges being dropped.

Late Friday, the Ravens released a statement denying the report.

## Fans: NFL at crossroads after abuse allegations

FROM BACK PAGE

The NFL has an image problem. Some would say it's at a moral crossroads as focus on abuse allegations against players and the league's response to them intensifies.

Some women have been among the most vocal NFL detractors. The National Organization for Women has called for NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to resign. Yet female NFL fans — even those, like Kane, who are stinking mad about the abuse and the way the league has handled it — continue to watch.

Why? The question could be posed to any football fan, female or male. But dissecting the relationship of the female NFL fan with the league reveals an already complicated union — one that, despite this uncomfortable chapter — runs deep.

Many female fans grew up watching football with their families. Sometimes, it was a point of bonding, perhaps with a father or a brother. So, fans such as 21-year-old Lisa Welch can't really imagine a life without the NFL.

"I was raised in a household where we watched football every Sunday," says Welch, who notes that this wasn't the case for her mom's generation.

Now a senior at the University of Minnesota who's majoring in sports management, Welch still has a dream of working for her beloved Chicago Bears. She had been relieved the controversy hadn't embroiled her team, until 2008 allegations against receiver Brandon Marshall resurfaced this week.

Samantha Robinson is a fan of the San Francisco 49ers, whose defensive end Ray McDonald is facing charges that he hit his pregnant fiancée. The team has not benched him.

She's all for players who are guilty of crimes being punished. But Robinson, who works in public relations in her team's city, also says she refuses to let the actions of a few spoil the game.

"I think it's just bigger than football," the 25-year-old says.

"We all saw the photos of Rihanna after her altercation with Chris Brown, and yet he's back to performing at award shows, making millions and being applauded," she says. In 2009, Brown pleaded guilty to assault in the case.

Female fans may already be compartmentalizing and finding ways to fit into a league that is still largely "a hyper-masculine space," says Kane, the University of Minnesota professor.

At games, women see cheerleaders and female sports reporters relegated to the sidelines and, when watching at home, sit through a multitude of ads that target male fans, including those that tout the benefits of erectile dysfunction drugs.

"If you're a female, the league cares deeply about football, you're already spending a lot of that real money," says Kane, who is the director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport at the University of Minnesota.

This week, just before another player was accused of domestic violence in Phoenix, the NFL rapidly hired four women to formulate new policies on domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Time will tell if this is a cynical PR move, or something they are truly committed to," says Kane in Minnesota. "I certainly hope it is the latter."

If it is, she says, it will make watching the game she loves so much "a whole lot more enjoyable."



# GAMEDAY

WEEK 3

TELEVISED GAMES



**Green Bay Packers (1-1)**  
at **Detroit Lions (1-1)**

AFN-Atlantic  
7 p.m. Sunday CET

**Series:** The Packers lead 94-66-7, and have won 15 of the past 17 meetings.

**Last meeting:** The Lions won 40-10 on Nov. 28, 2013, in Detroit.

**Notes:** In nine starts against Detroit, QB Aaron Rodgers is 9-0 with 19 TDs, 4 INTs and a 114 rating. In the team's last meeting, Lions RB Reggie Bush had 117 yards rushing, 65 yard receiving and a touchdown.



**San Diego Chargers (1-1)**  
at **Buffalo Bills (2-0)**

AFN-Sports  
7 p.m. Sunday CET

**Series:** The Chargers are 21-10-2, and have won three of the past four meetings.

**Last meeting:** The Chargers won 37-10 in San Diego on Dec. 11, 2011.

**Notes:** In three career starts vs. Buffalo, QB Philip Rivers has completed 63 of 91 passes for 608 yards with 6 TDs. Bills QB E.J. Manuel has won 4 of 6 career home starts.

## Marquee matchup

### Denver Broncos (2-0) at Seattle Seahawks (1-1)

AFN-Sports, 10:25 p.m. Sunday Central European Time

**SERIES RECORD:** Broncos lead 34-18; Denver has won 3 of the past 4.

**LAST MEETING:** Seahawks beat Broncos 43-8 to win Super Bowl XLVIII on Feb. 2, 2014.

**BRONCOS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (14), RUSH (24), PASS (11).

**BRONCOS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (27), RUSH (10), PASS (30).

**SEAHAWKS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (14), RUSH (4), PASS (25).

**SEAHAWKS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (11), RUSH (9), PASS (18).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** For only the sixth time, the regular season will feature a rematch of the previous Super Bowl. The Broncos, who improved to 2-0 with a 24-17 win over Kansas City, will look to avenge last year's 43-8 loss in Super Bowl XLVIII. ...Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning aims for

fourth regular-season game in a row with 100+ rating vs. Seattle. Manning's teams are 94-10 (.904) when he has 100+ rating. He needs 3 TD passes to reach 500 career. ...In 2 career starts, RB Montee Ball averages 86 scrimmage yards per game (172 total, 127 rush, 45 receiving) and has rush TD. ...DeMarcus Ware has four sacks in past four games against Seattle. ...Seahawks have won 18 of past 19 at home (including playoffs), outscoring opponents 558-253. ...In Super Bowl, QB Russell Wilson had 123.1 rating. In career vs. AFC (including Super Bowl), he has 18 TDs, 3 INTs & 109.4 rating. ...RB Marshawn Lynch has rush TD in all three meetings versus Denver (including the Super Bowl). He has a touchdown in six consecutive games (including playoffs) and has eight total TDs in those games (7 rush, 1 receiving).

...CB Richard Sherman has 9 INTs (1 TD) in past 13 games at home. Since entering the NFL in 2011, he leads the league with 20 INTs. ...S Earl Thomas has INT in three of past six games against AFC teams, including a 57-yard TD.



Denver Broncos quarterback  
Peyton Manning

DAVID ELLIOT, KANSAS CITY STAR/MCT

Game capsules compiled from nflmedia.com



**Kansas City Chiefs (0-2)**  
at **Miami Dolphins (1-1)**

AFN-Xtra  
11:30 p.m. Sunday CET

**Series:** The Dolphins lead 13-12 and have won the past three meetings.

**Last meeting:** Miami won 31-3 on Nov. 6, 2011 at Kansas City.

**Notes:** Last week, RB Knile Davis had a career-high 105 scrimmage yards (79 rushing, 26 receiving) and tied a career-best with two TDs. Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill needs a TD pass to move past Don Strook for fourth in Dolphins history.



**Pittsburgh Steelers (1-1)**  
at **Carolina Panthers (2-0)**

AFN-Sports

2:30 a.m. Monday CET

**Series:** The Steelers lead 4-1, including winning the past four.

**Last meeting:** Host Pittsburgh won 27-3 on Dec. 23, 2010 when Ben Roethlisberger threw for 320 yards.

**Notes:** In 2 career starts against Carolina, Roethlisberger is 2-0 with 445 yards passing, two TDs and no interceptions. The Panthers have won eight straight regular-season home games.

## REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Dallas at St. Louis  
Minnesota at New Orleans  
Washington at Philadelphia  
Houston at N.Y. Giants  
Tennessee at Cincinnati  
Baltimore at Cleveland  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville  
Oakland at New England

## NEXT WEEK

**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
N.Y. Giants at Washington Redskins  
**Sunday, Sept. 28**  
Green Bay at Chicago  
Buffalo at Houston  
Tennessee at Indianapolis  
Carolina at Baltimore  
Detroit at N.Y. Jets  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh  
Miami at Oakland  
Jacksonville at San Diego  
Philadelphia at San Francisco  
Atlanta at Cincinnati  
New Orleans at Dallas  
**Monday, Sept. 29**  
New England at Kansas City

Also on AFN: San Francisco 49ers (1-1) at Arizona Cardinals (2-0), AFN-Atlantic, 10 p.m. Sunday CET  
Chicago Bears (1-1) at N.Y. Giants (0-2), AFN-Sports, 2:15 a.m. Tuesday CET

## EXPANDED STANDINGS

### American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	East	West	North	South	AFC	NFC	Div
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	52	30	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Miami	1	1	0	.500	43	49	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	45	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
New England	1	1	0	.500	50	40	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	47	20	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	36	36	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	27	75	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	51	61	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	47	26	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	42	29	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	53	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	53	54	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	55	41	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	47	39	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	28	49	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
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### National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	East	West	North	South	AFC	NFC	Div
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	64	44	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	1	1	0	.500	47	27	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	43	38	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	60	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	44	21	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	103	72	2-0-0	0-1-0	2-0-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	58	63	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	45	95	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-2-0
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	48	43	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	41	36	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	38	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	47	60	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	43	31	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	57	46	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	48	45	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	25	51	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0



## SPORTS



## Tigers bare teeth

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Some would say the league is at a moral crossroads as focus on abuse allegations against players and their response to them intensifies. Some women have been among the most vocal NFL detractors. Yet female NFL fans, who are stinking mad about the abuse and the way the league has handled it, continue to watch.

# Standing together

## Female fans sticking with NFL in spite of controversy

BY MARTHA IRVINE  
The Associated Press

**M**ary Jo Kane, a life-long Chicago Bears fan and college professor, settles in to watch a football game and finds herself taking a tally of the players — one she'd rather not do, but can't help.

Have any of these guys committed a crime? Tried to strangle a wife? Knocked one out? Beaten a child?

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